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Fernwood Street resident shoots himself

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Police responded to the report of a potentially suicidal Fernwood Street man on Saturday evening, but they were unable to prevent the man from killing himself. The incident occurred on Fernwood's cul-de-sac near Westmore Oaks Elementary School.

"Officers got the call at 7:54 p.m. Saturday," Detective Mark Tingley of the West Sacramento Police Department told the News-Ledger. "They found the subject located in his vehicle in the driveway of his home. When officers confronted him, he got out of his vehicle and went into his home and self-inflicted the injury. It was pretty quick – he basically got out of his truck, didn't listen to any of the officers' instructions, went into his garage and killed himself."

A gun was not visible before the man went into his house, added Tingley.

The police response included squad cars and a law enforcement helicopter.

Robert Labrash, supervising deputy coroner for Yolo County, identified the victim as Gerald Leroy Lambirth, 43, who lived on the 1600 block of Fernwood.

"We're listing his death as suicide," said Labrash. "The cause of death was (a single) gunshot wound."

Developers ask for change in Southport plans to let Walgreens open new store

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

West Sacramento's planning department will recommend against city approval of a Walgreens drugstore proposed for Southport. Developers will bring the project forward to the planning commission on January 18.

"We're recommending denial of the project because the use is not allowed in the Southport Design Guidelines," said Charline Hamilton, a city planner.

Hamilton said the 21-acre region at the northeast corner of Jefferson and Lake Washington Boulevards is zoned "mixed use," which could accommodate a mix of development styles including housing, churches, daycare, indoor recreation, theaters, hotels or "specialty retail."

Specialty retail, she added, is a store that specializes "in a particular type of item – an example would be a bookstore or a jewelry store," she said.

But Walgreen is a more general type of retailer, and isn't permitted at that particular site.

Taylor Village Investment Partners of Sacramento is proposing the Walgreen's, on property owned by Washington Jefferson Partners, with a listed address in San Francisco.

There is a Walgreens store in West Sacramento's commercial district, near Jefferson Blvd. and West Capitol Avenue. Other major retailers are proposed for the city including a Lowe's home improvement store and a Target department store slated for Southport, and a Home Depot and Super Walmart headed to the northwest part of the city, near the new Ikea furnishings store at Reed and I-80.

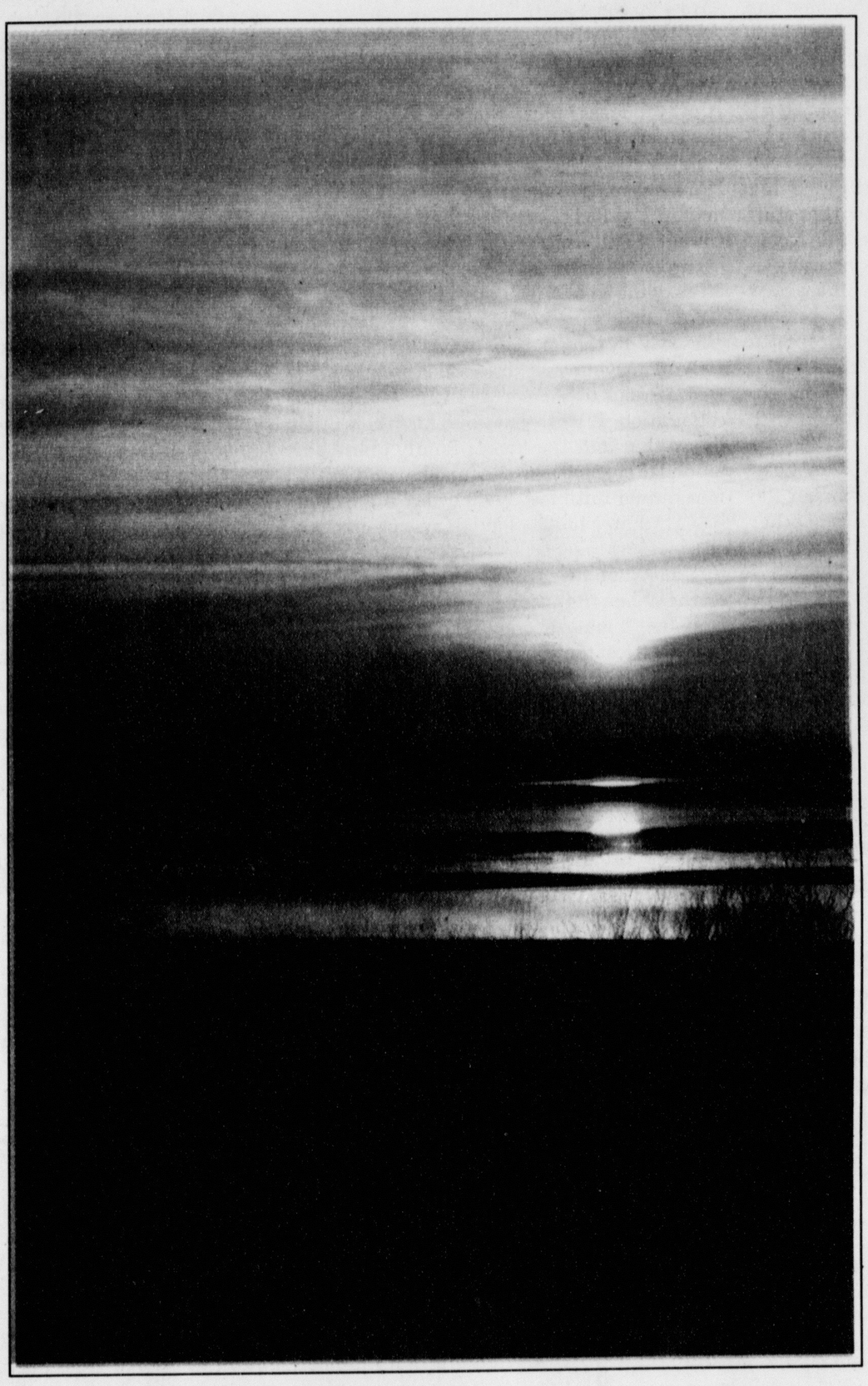
Should the city planning commission agree with their staff's recommendation and vote "no" on the developers' proposal to modify the Southport design guidelines and allow the new Walgreens, the decision could be taken to the West Sacramento City Council by appeal.

(The developer) is claiming that the parcel has some constraints and they're really limited on what uses they can develop on that corner," Hamilton told the News-Ledger. "The site is encumbered by the Lower Northwest Interceptor easement" – an easement to grant access to the new regional sewage pipe passing through West Sacramento.

A parking lot could be built over the pipe, but more substantial development could not, she said.

The proposed Walgreen's would have as one of its neighbors a new fire station.

Sunset over rice fields



FALL AND WINTER bring some of the best sunsets of the year to West Sacramento, as evidenced by the one caught in the photo above, taken Saturday evening from West Sacramento's western edge, near Enterprise Boulevard and I-80. The view is to the west, across the rice stubble of the Yolo Bypass towards the coastal range.

The bypass is part of the "Pacific Flyway," attracting migrating waterfowl -- some of which, like the Canada geese at right, show up in other areas of West Sacramento. These geese are part of a flock spotted along Industrial Boulevard on Friday, across a slough from Valhalla Mobile Home Park near Lake Road. Behind the Canada geese are Great Egrets, clad in white.

Photos by Steve Marschke

Yolo Co. airport gets new boss

From Beth Gabor
Public Information Officer
County of Yolo

Yolo County General Services Director, Ray Groom, recently announced the appointment of Ron Larson as Yolo County's new Airport Operations Manager. Mr. Larson has over 32 years or experience in both public and corporate operations in airports, transportation and airline airport operations. Most recently, Mr. Larson served as Manager of Terminal Operations for the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

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New law requires reporting suspected elder abuse

Beginning January 1, a new state law provides an extra line of defense against the financial abuse of seniors and dependent adults.

Under the new law, Senate Bill 1018, authored by Senator Joe Simitian (D-Palo Alto) and Assemblywoman Lois Wolk (D-Davis), employees of financial institutions will be required to report suspected financial abuse. They join thousands of other existing mandated reporters in reporting suspected abuse, including nursing care and home health care workers, firefighters, law enforcement, and members of the clergy.

"Early reporting of suspected abuse is critical for the recovery of stolen finances and employees of financial institutions are in a unique position to witness and report abuse before it's too late," said Assemblywoman Wolk. "This law is a strong step towards better protection of our seniors and dependent adults, some of society's most vulnerable members."

SB 1018 requires officers and employees of banks, federal and state credit unions to report witnessed or suspected abuse to law enforcement or county adult protective service programs.

California has more residents over 65 than any other state in the nation, and the state's elder population will nearly double within the next 20 years -- from 3.7 million to more than 6.4 million -- and financial abuse is the fastest growing form of elder abuse.

"The state's message on elder financial abuse reporting is now clear," added Wolk. "Reporting this fast-growing crime in not just a moral obligation, but a legal one as well."

A holiday from hell

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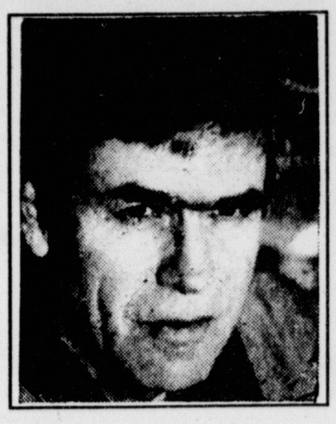


By Daryl Fisher

Have you ever asked yourself what the holiday season must be like for all those poor souls who have ended up in the bowels of hell? Well, I think I have the answer. And if you would like to experience the same kind of insight, all you have to do is catch the stomach flu the night before Christmas Eve!

It actually started a few days before that when my beloved daughter phoned early in the morning to say that my 19-month old grandson, Riley, had spent the whole night throwing up and that there was no way she could possibly take him to his daycare provider in that condition.

"Dallas (Riley's father) and I both have to be at work today," explained my daughter. "Plus we are also both out of sick leave, so is there any chance that you might be able to watch Riley today? I know your hours over at the *News-Ledger* are pretty flexible and I would feel so much better knowing that his grandpa was taking good care of him when he's feeling this bad."

Well, I thought to myself, now how in the world can you say no to that? Plus how bad can a few little baby germs be?

"Sure, I can watch him," I told my daughter. "Bring the poor little guy right on over!"

Anyway, to make a very long story short, before my day of babysitting Riley was over, I was literally covered from head to toe with a combination of baby barf (it's really amazing how such little stomachs can shoot that stuff halfway across a room) and liquid baby poop, the majority of which was never actually in Riley's diaper, but rather all down his legs and into his shoes, not to mention all over my hands, face and arms. But after countless baby baths and the hosing down of most of my house, I was finally able to hand Riley back over to his mother in relatively good condition once her work day had ended.

"I sure hope you don't get what Riley has," my daughter said as she gathered up her son for the ride home, "because a couple of other kids at his daycare center have it and it apparently takes four to seven days to get over. I guess it's one of those germs that has to be ingested through the mouth. So I hope you washed your hands a lot today."

"Believe me," I assured my daughter, "there's nothing in this house that hasn't been washed today. Plus I haven't barfed since my college fraternity drinking days, so I'm sure I'll be just fine."

The nausea came on slowly. Then came the fever and chills. Then came the mad dash for the bathroom. Then the throwing up over the toilet. Then the dry-heaves. Then some more fever and chills. Then back to the bathroom to throw up some more. Then more dry-heaves. And then, just when you think it's finally all over (at approximately 3 a.m. on Christmas Eve in my case) the endless diarrhea begins. And by endless I mean that you literally leave the safety of the bathroom only at your own risk.

"Are you going to spend the whole darn night in there?" yelled out my less than sympathetic youngest son, whose room is right next to the bathroom. "I'm trying to get some sleep!"

"I'm dying in here!" I yelled back.

"Well, do it more quietly!"

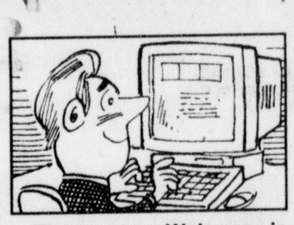
Anyway, by the time Christmas arrived, both me and my youngest son (God is always just) were too sick to participate in any Christmas celebration, as were Riley and his whole family, so this year the Fisher family didn't get around to opening packages and having Christmas dinner until last Wednesday night. But like all things in life, I guess everything can be a blessing to some people, even the stomach flu, and when I was telling a longtime friend on the phone the other day about my holiday from hell, I made the mistake of mentioning that I had lost ten pounds in less that 48-hours the first two days I was sick.

"You've got to be kidding me?" she said with shock in her voice. "Ten whole pounds in just two days? That's just about how many pounds I've gained this holiday season. Are you still contagious?"

"I don't think so. Why?"

"Because if you are, I'm coming right down to your office!"

A morning prayer: Dear God. So far today, I've done alright. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't lied, cheated, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or over-indulgent. I'm very thankful for that, but in a few minutes, God, I'm going to have to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need all the help I can get. Thank you and Amen.



The average Web user is 33 years old, has a household income of $59,000 and accesses the Web at least once a day.

New art exhibit

Chinese brush strokes

By Betty Sokolich

The well-known artist, Alice Guo, will exhibit her Chinese brush stroke paintings at the Arthur F. Turner Library in West Sacramento during the month of January, 2007.

The artist is following a long tradition of a painting technique, using the brush and paint to create an expressive and personal painting. The brush embraces the form of the subject and records it on the canvas. Guo has studied with Lillian Seto and exhibited her work in Seto's student exhibits in the library meeting room last August.

A reception for the artist will be held on January 7, 2007 from 3-5 p.m. at the library. The public is cordially invited to attend, meet the artist, and enjoy viewing her beautiful paintings.

'ACROSS THE BRIDGE

Events around the region—

New Crocker Art exhibit

The California Gallery at the Crocker Art Museum was recently installed in the way the Crocker family originally hung their collection, allowing visitors to experience a Victorian-era museum. More than 150 paintings are now displayed "salon style" in the California Gallery, enabling visitors to experience more of the Crocker's permanent collection.

The Crocker Art Museum is located at 216 O Street in downtown Sacramento. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday. For more information call 264-5423 or visit crockerartmuseum.org.

Sacred African tribal objects

Sacramento State's University Library Gallery's newest exhibit will be presenting authentic African tribal masks and figurines beginning December 1st. The exhibit will feature tribal masks and figures that were useful to the tribes in a time without science, technology and modern medicine. Several African cultures will be represented. Sacramento State University is located at 6000 J Street in Sacramento. For more information call 278-6156.

Antique bicycles

"Cycle through History: Bikes, Trails & People" will be the featured exhibit at the Folsom History Museum opening October 28th and continuing through January 7, 2007. Antique bicycles will be featured and the exhibit will also cover the history of the American River Bike Trail, extending from Sacramento to Folsom.

The Folsom History Museum is located at 823 Sutter Street in Folsom. For more information about their exhibits call 985-2707.

Wildlife volunteers needed

The Stone Lake National Wildlife Refuge will be holding "New Volunteer Orientation Sessions" on January 11, 18, and 25, beginning at 7 p.m. Volunteers are the backbone to many of the refuge's programs, helping with such things as tours, wildlife monitoring, habitat restoration, and special events. If you are interested in volunteering, RSVP by calling Amy at 775-4421.

Down syndrome

The Down Syndrome Information Alliance Education Series features programs on the first Tuesday of each month

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Obituaries

Mearldean M. Miller

Mearldean Miller was born on February 8, 1921 in Humphrey, Nebraska, and passed away of December 17, 2006 in Sacramento. She was the loving wife of R.L. Miller; the devoted mother of Gene Struebing and his wife, Virginia, of Moses Lake, Washington; and is also survived by four grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. She was a 51-year resident of West Sacramento and will be sadly missed. At her request, family services were held privately. Burial was at East Lawn Sierra Hills Memorial Park. Arrangements were handled by River Cities Funeral Chapel of West Sacramento.

Carol Ann Richards

Carol Richards was born on July 27, 1944 in Charleston, West Virginia, and passed away at home in West Sacramento on December 30, 2006 after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer. She was the loving wife of 25 years to Wise Richards, and the step-mother of Gerald Richards, Leilani Stringer and Wendell Richards. She is also survived by her sister, Joyce, her grandchildren, family, friends, and her beloved dog, Coco, and cockatiel, Richie.

Carol worked for ten years as a nursing assistant at Pioneer House. She will be sadly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

A memorial service will be held on January 4, 2007 at 10 a.m. at River Cities Funeral Chapel in West Sacramento. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Thomas "Omaha" Greene

Omaha Green was born on December 6, 1955 in Chateauroux, France, and passed away peacefully at his home in West Sacramento on December 29, 2006. He was the loving son of James and step-mother Mary Ann Greene, and the cherished brother of Catherine Austin, Susan, Michael and Chris Green. He is also survived by his children's mother, Alice Banuve, and his children, Kelly and Ian of Fiji. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Catherine.

A registered engineer, Omaha was a NAUI certified dive instructor and a member of ADCI with nearly 20 years of commercial diving experience, primarily serving as an underwater investigation officer for Caltrans. He owned a construction company, served in the Peace Corps in Fiji, earned his engineering degree at UC Davis, and owned a scuba shop prior to joining Caltrans.

A memorial service will be on January 6, 2007 at 2 p.m. at River Cities Funeral Chapel in West Sacramento. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to your favorite charity.

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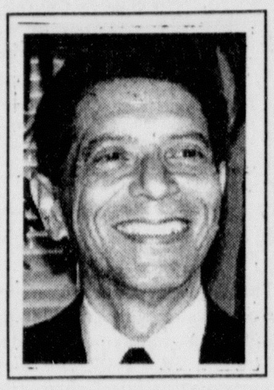
By Richard Novoa



By Richard Novoa

The NFL regular season came to an abrupt close for some playoff bound teams but one thing for certain is the road to Super Bowl XLI in Miami on February 4th is paved from twelve different cities in America. The big question is whose bus will take the right highway to Miami or which vehicle will end up calling for roadside service?

In the NFC, the Da Bears, who earned the home field advantage throughout the playoffs and the New Orleans Saints will enjoy their first round byes, while the Dallas Cowboys head north to Seattle on Saturday (5 p.m.-ch.3) while the wild card New York Giants take the bus on Sunday (1:30 p.m.-FOX) to Philadelphia to battle their division winning arch rivals.

The AFC byes go to San Diego and Baltimore while the first round of playoffs pit Kansas City in Indianapolis on Saturday (1:30 p.m.-ch.3) while the Jets will travel to New England (10 a.m.-ch.13) to play the Pats.

Unfortunately, the close season sent two NFL head coaches to the unemployment line after Atlanta fired ex-Niners coach Jim Mora and Dennis Green got kicked to the curb by the Arizona Cardinals after going 16-32 over three seasons. Art Shell should be next line followed closely by the Giants Jim Coughlin and don't be surprised if Dallas coach Bill Parcells takes a T.O. (a timeout not Terrell Owens) next season!

The College Bowl season had some entertaining games last week that included some upsets but the game of the year was the upset victory by Boise State over the 7-point favorite Oklahoma Sooners. The Broncos used two trick plays in the final seconds of their bowl experience to win in overtime. I guess this proves that it's not the size of the dog in the fight but size of the fight in the Dawg!

The Rose Bowl win by the USC Trojans sets the stage for BCS Championship game between Ohio State (-8) and the Florida Gators on Monday, January 8th in Glendale, Arizona. The big question now arises for the BCS committee, especially if Florida upsets the Buckeyes, who is the No. 1 College team in the nation?

Kings Korner

The Kings (13-15) got back on the winning track on Saturday night with 119-96 lopsided win over Golden State at the Arco Arena but the jury is still out as they prepare for huge four game home stand. Here come the Knicks, Lakers, Blazers and Cavs!

Mike Bibby seems to have found his outside shot and coach Musselman has finally decided to let rookie guard, Quincy Douby, on the dance floor. Musselman mixed up the lineup using his bench early against Golden State and it paid huge dividends when the Kings scored 74 points before halftime.

But the big news last week was that Douby had his NBA breakout game scoring 21 points by swishing in 9 of 13 shots but more importantly playing 30 minutes. Seven players scored in double digits but Bibby, who scored 21, had to leave the game with a sprained ankle and is listed day-to-day.

The Kings need to win 3 out of 4 of their next games to right their sinking ship but it won't be easy with New York coming to town on Tuesday (7 p.m.-CSN) followed by the Lakers (7:30 p.m.-TNT) on Thursday night. The Kings will then host Portland (7 p.m.-CSN) on Saturday night before they close their home stand on Tuesday (7 p.m.-ch.10) night against Lebron James and Cleveland Cavaliers.

NFL Week 18

The 49ers (7-9) finished the season on a positive note with their overtime win to knock Denver out of the playoff hunt. The Niners running back Frank Gore, who rushed for 153 yards, set the team rushing record with 1,695 and also broke Garrison Hearst's 1998 record for combined yardage at 2,180.

Next season the 49ers will play their regular season opponents at home with New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Baltimore, Cincinnati, and Minnesota coming to Monster Park while away games will take them to Atlanta, Carolina, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and New York.

The Oakland Raiders (2-14) lost again with another weak performance this time a 23-3 loss in New York but on a good note, the Silver and Black did manage to nail down the No. 1 pick in the draft with the worst record in the NFL.

The Raiders did have a few records not to brag about when they failed to score an offensive touchdown for the eighth game this season. They finished the season with 168 points, the fewest in franchise history.

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Fitness for local seniors

From Mae Denman
Recreation Leader
West Sacramento Senior Center

The bad news is that we all need regular physical activity to maintain our health. Bodies are designed to move, and all adults benefit from regular physical activity. However, the good news is that the physical activity can be moderate and enjoyable to achieve health benefits. You can achieve a healthy fitness level without strenuous training.

The Surgeon General recommends more physical activity for both older and younger Americans. Exercise has also been proven to reduce blood pressure, and improve stamina and muscle strength while helping maintain healthy bones, and joints. Perhaps the most important benefit is its affect in reducing anxiety and/or depression. Evidence shows that moderate daily activity for the young is key to prevention of many serious chronic illnesses such as hypertension, diabetes and obesity.

For seniors, exercise helps maintain the ability to live independently and reduces the risk of falling and breaking bones. It also helps reduce the risk of high blood pressure, colon cancer, and diabetes, and dying from heart disease.

With all the health benefits linked to physical exercise, why not get started now? Sedentary individuals or people with physical challenges should start with short intervals of physical activity (5 to 10 minutes) and then work up to longer periods of time. Older adults should check with a physician before beginning exercise activities, however most doctors will tell you that gentle exercise is beneficial to a great number of medical conditions.

The Senior Center (664 Cummins Way, West Sacramento) provides a

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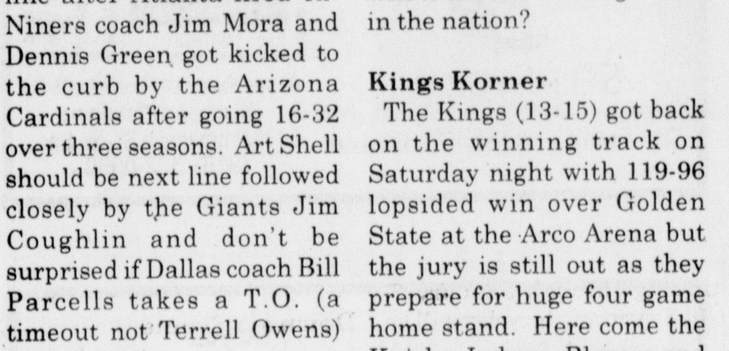

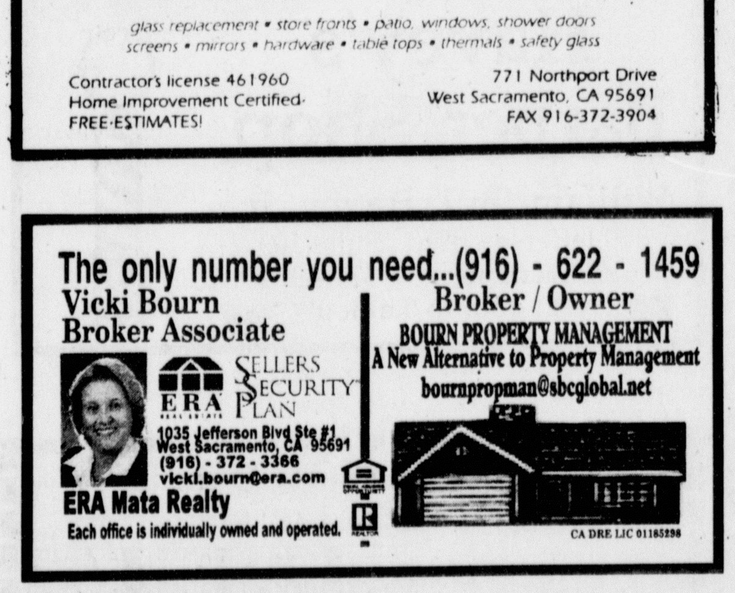

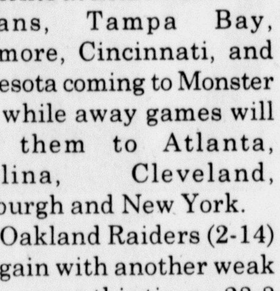

1. What major-league organization held Roberto Clemente's rights before he was selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the Rule Five draft?
2. Four managers have won 1,000 or more games with the New York Yankees. Name them.
3. Name the only two men to win 10-plus games in their first season as the San Francisco 49ers' head coach.
4. Which two No. 11 seeds are the only ones to have reached the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament in men's basketball?
5. Name the two NHL teams that have started a season 10-0.
6. Who is the only U.S. men's soccer player to score in more than one World Cup?
7. Which of the following boxers was named Ring Magazine's Fighter of the Year the most times: Evander Holyfield, Sugar Ray Leonard or Mike Tyson?

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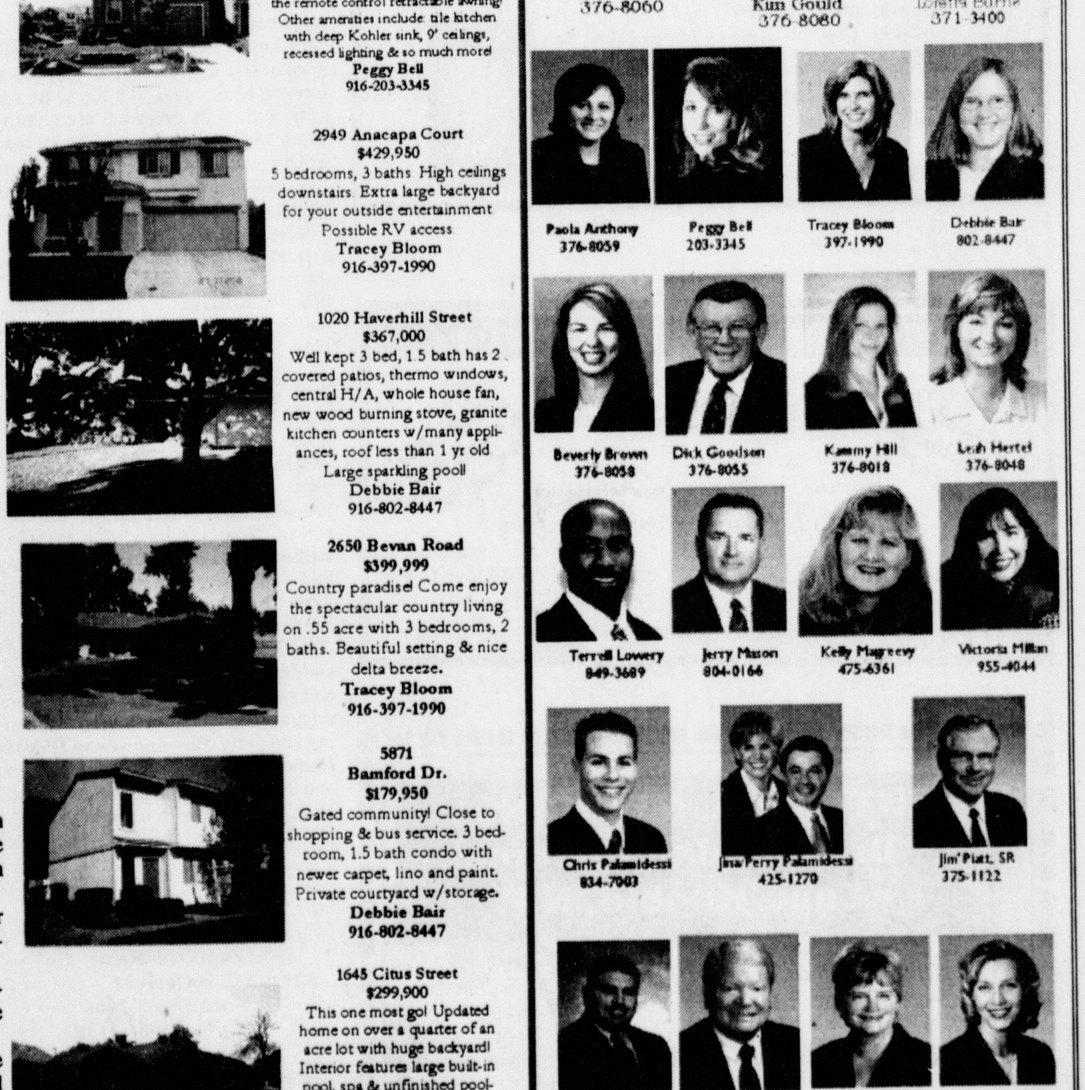

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variety of gentle exercise options to increase physical activity. Open to everyone, for minimal donation or free, these programs provide a bridge to help you from couch potato to physically fit!

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- Line Dancing - Tuesday 2:00 pm
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- Movers and Shakers – Thursday 10:00 am

For more information on the Surgeon General's Recommendations for Physical Activity view material at the website for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (http//www.cdc.gov).

To find out more about the exercise classes at the senior center call (916) 373 5819.

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Needless to say expect some big changes in Oak Town in 2007. Next season Oakland will play their regular division teams and host Houston, Indianapolis, Chicago, Detroit, and Cleveland and travel to Jacksonville, Tennessee, Green Bay, Minnesota and Miami.

Aztec's Picks

Aztec (34-31-1) had a mediocre 3-3 week to close the regular season but do not fear the Dawg got a new collar for Xmas and is ready to scratch his way through the NFL playoffs. Also, the Bowl season still has a few games remaining including the big BCS Championship game on Monday.

So, this week the Dawg is going for the big upset and taking the Florida Gators (+8) plus the points over the Big Shot Buckeyes! In the first round of the NFL playoffs on Saturday, the crafty canine hound loves horse so take the Colts (-6 ½) against K.C. and the Boys (+3) will surprise in Seattle while the Jets (+9) will cover in New England and Philly (-6 ½) will end the Giants football season!

Enjoy your day – see ya next week!

TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

Top 10 Video Rentals

1. **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** .....(PG-13) *Johnny Depp* (BV/Disney)
2. **Superman Returns** .....(PG-13) *Brandon Routh* (Warner)
3. **Miami Vice** .....(R) *Colin Farrell* (Universal)
4. **Ice Age: The Meltdown** ....(PG) *animated* (Fox)
5. **The Da Vinci Code** .....(PG-13) *Tom Hanks* (Sony)
6. **Beerfest** .....(R) *M.C. Gainey* (Warner)
7. **Pulse** .....(PG-13) *Kristen Bell* (Genius/Weinstein)
8. **Clerks II** .....(R) *Brian O'Halloran* (Genius/Weinstein)
9. **Cars** .....(G) *animated* (BV/Disney)
10. **Mission: Impossible III** .....(PG-13) *Tom Cruise* (Paramount)

Top 10 DVD Sales

1. **Superman Returns** .....(PG-13) (Warner)
2. **Ice Age: The Meltdown** ....(PG) (20th Century Fox)
3. **Cars** .....(G) (Walt Disney/Pixar)
4. **Clerks II** .....(R) (The Weinstein Company)
5. **The Da Vinci Code** .....(PG-13) (Sony)
6. **The Ant Bully** .....(PG) (Warner)
7. **You, Me and Dupree** ....(PG-13) (Universal)
8. **Over the Hedge** .....(PG) (Paramount)
9. **See No Evil** .....(R) (Lions Gate)
10. **The Cheetah Girls 2** .....(NR) (Walt Disney)

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For all sad words of tongue and pen, the saddest are these, "It might have been."

—John Greenleaf Whittier

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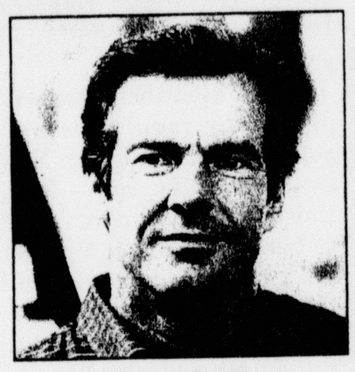
Jill Jackson's HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD ... **Dennis Quaid's** next will be "The Express," a true story about football great **Ernie Davis**, who broke football barriers in the '60s as the first black player to win the Heisman Trophy. Dennis will play the coach who stands by Davis on every score. At this writing, the role of Davis has yet to be cast. As to Quaid's private life these days, it's pretty much just that — private. However, we do know that he has been in several relationships since his divorce from **Meg Ryan**, and has a son, Jack, born in 1992. Dennis also has a brother, the character actor **Randy Quaid**.



Dennis Quaid

George Clooney is once again "The Sexiest Man Alive." Now the push is on for an Oscar nomination for his work in "The Good German." Clooney says his next movie is going to be a screwball comedy, and he plans to have lots of fun. He definitely doesn't want to stay in a serious, somber mode forever. Meanwhile, it's the same old same old, with everyone speculating about who will be the next lucky lady in Gorgeous George's private life. As I've said before, if I were 20 years younger, he would still be running!

Julie Andrews received the 13th annual Screen Actor's Guild Life Achievement Award, and indeed she deserves it. Singer, actress, songwriter, author, wife and all-around wonderful lady. ... And to Grace H. of Chicago: Yes, Julie has had several facial tucks. And why not? Everyone these days wants to look younger than springtime.

Hard to believe that it has been 30 years since **Sylvester Stallone** brought Rocky Balboa to the big screen. Now he's back with an aging Balboa, who decides to get in the ring one last time. Congrats, Sly! Keep those fists flying and the public will keep buying Rocky Balboa.

Julia Roberts, clad in black pants and black shirt and with her hair long and pulled back, looked simply stunning at the "Charlotte's Web" screening and party. Hugging young **Dakota Fanning**, the two posed for pictures and then enjoyed the barnyard-themed bash, complete with a petting zoo. As far as I could tell, Julia's twins, Hazel and Phinn, were not aboard. Next year, maybe? And to Rita G. of Tampa, Fla.: Yes, Julia and brother Eric have settled their differences, for now, anyway. And no, there is no rivalry between Dakota and young **Emma Roberts**, who plays Nancy Drew. (As far as I know, anyway.) P.S. I forgot to mention that Dakota was holding a teeny white piglet on a leash at the party.

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BITS 'N' PIECES: Icons **Catherine Deneuve** and **Gena Rowlands**, both still beautiful, will voice characters in the English-language version of the animated French film "Persepolis." ... **Elijah Wood**, with beard and mustache, at the party for the pic "Happy Feet." ... And at that same party, **Robin Williams** shooting pictures just like a member of the paparazzi ... From now until the big night at the end of February, it's all "push for Oscar." That news is taking precedent over most, unless it's **Lindsay, Britney, Paris** or one of those, and even they, at this writing, are relatively quiet. Of course, that could change tomorrow ... To Bertha B. of Houston: The Chateau Marmont you read about, where the stars hang out, is a motel on Sunset Boulevard. Been there for years. When I lived there, it was mostly inhabited by British actors and a more staid group. Today, Lindsay, Drew and etc. can usually be spotted somewhere on the grounds ... Oscar picks: Count on "The Queen" for Best Picture and **Helen Mirren** for Best Actress.

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/s/Yvette Mulholland

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec 5 2006
by: /s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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Filed Nov 1 2006
File No. 2006-1050

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/s/Marzieh Diarian

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NOTICE OF HEARING
January 18, 2007

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Public Workshop on Riverside Centre Pavilions General Plan Amendment, Rezone, and Development Agreement Amendment (Allen)

This is a request to amend the General Plan and zoning for two parcels totaling 10.77 acres located in the Riverside Centre at the southwest corner of Reed Avenue and Stillwater Drive (APNs 14-680-03, -04). The proposed amendments would change The General Plan designation of the western parcel from Community Commercial (CC) to Business Park (BP) and to change the General Plan designation of the eastern parcel from Office (O) to Community Commercial (CC). The request for the amendments does not include any development at this time. OWNER: Charles Somers, 5241 Arnold Drive, McClellan, CA 95652. APPLICANT: Randall Schaber, 7700 College Town Drive, Ste. 214, Sacramento, CA 95826.

2. Continued Public Hearing on Walgreens in Southport (Hamilton)

The applicant is requesting approval of an amendment to the Southport Design Guidelines to allow a retail pharmacy within the Mixed Use (MU) Zone between the railroad tracks and Jefferson Boulevard. The project is located at the northeast corner of Jefferson Boulevard and Lake Washington Boulevard (APN 046-010-36). This project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15270 (Projects which are Disapproved) of the CEQA Guidelines. APPLICANT: Taylor Village Sacramento Investments Partners LP, 1792 Tribute Road, Suite 270, Sacramento, CA 95815 Attn: Cleon Pantell. OWNER: Washington Jefferson Partners LP, 121 Spear Street, Suite 250, San Francisco, CA 94105 Attn: Linda Dacpano.

Steve Rikala, Secretary
West Sacramento Planning Commission

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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ANSWERS to Sports Quiz (P. 3) & Puzzles (P. 8)

Go Figure! answers

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Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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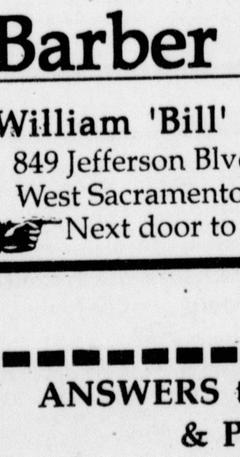

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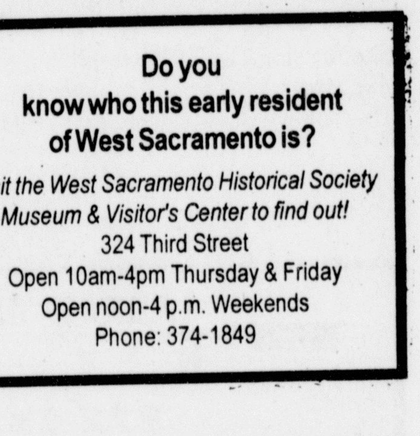

Answers

1. Ramon Martinez won 20 games in 1990.
2. Lou Boudreau, 1955 through part of 1957.
3. Barry Sanders had 39 touchdowns in 1988.
4. James Worthy had 36 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists as the Los Angeles Lakers won their second consecutive title.
5. Joe Thornton, who split the season between Boston and San Jose, had 125 points (29 goals, 96 assists).
6. Gaetan Boucher of Canada in 1984.
7. Twice — Ernie Els in 2002 and Paul Lawrie in 1999.

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Dollars and ene

by David Uffington

Think Twice Before Refinancing

A recent review of mortgages revealed that 88 percent of refinances are to pay off debt, mostly from credit cards.

According to Andrew Housser, co-CEO of Bills.com, most people compare the interest rates on credit cards and mortgages and call it a "no-brainer" as they opt for refinance to pay off debts. However, refinance might not be the easy solution that it seems to be.

On its face, refinance sounds good. You'll pay a lower interest rate. The mortgage interest is tax-deductible. You'll only have to write one check to your mortgage company instead of to multiple credit-card companies.

However, there are a number of negatives. You may be subject to PMI payments if the loan amount exceeds 80 percent of your home's value, and you'll certainly pay mortgage fees for the new loan. And there is an even bigger red flag if you refinance to pay off credit cards: You're putting your home at risk. If you fall behind on credit-card payments, you'll get phone calls and letters. Fall behind on your mortgage, and you could lose your home.

If you do choose the refinance route to clear up credit-card debt, beware the debt re-escalation cycle: You look at all those lovely credit cards with their zero balances and you think, "Well, maybe just this once ..." as you pull out the plastic to pay for something.

Instead, if you refinance, build a large emergency fund with the money you're no longer paying on credit cards. Should something happen, the funds will be there, and you won't be tempted to pull out a credit card to pay for it.

Unless you know exactly what your income and expenses will be for the next year, perhaps the better plan is to whittle down your credit-card debt without putting your home at risk.

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Idea for the new year: Give yourself a post-holiday gift and grab a copy of "Personal Finance for Dummies," by Eric Tyson, M.B.A. (John Wiley & Sons, Inc., $21.99). The 5th edition was just released in September and covers a broad range of financial topics, including goal-setting, reducing spending, investing, avoiding identify theft and more.

David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Write to him in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 or send e-mail to letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

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AIRPORT from page one

The Yolo County Airport is a publicly owned, general aviation airport, open to the public and located approximately 4.5 miles west of the City of Davis. The airport was initially constructed by the federal government as an airstrip to provide alternative basing for aircraft during World War II. In 1948, the United States government deeded the airport to the county for public use. The Yolo County Airport has been used ever since for general aviation locally by crop dusters, flying schools and skydivers, as well as for flight training activities initiated at other airports.

Before his tenure with San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, Mr. Larson worked for the Sacramento County Airport System and for the United Parcel Service both domestically and abroad. Mr. Larson has held a private pilot's license since 1972 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in microbiology, a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Masters of Business Administration in finance, all from Portland State University.

"I am very pleased to be a part of Yolo County and look forward to working to improve the airport," said Ron Larson, Yolo County Airport Operations Manager. "It is a pleasure to continue my public service."

For more information on the Yolo County Airport call (530) 666-8126. The annual salary range for Airport Operations Manager is $67,968-$82,608.

BRIDGE from page two

with the hope of improving the knowledge of individuals and families affected by Down syndrome. Experts in education, advocacy, health care, etc., make presentations and a free light dinner and childcare is provided. The Down Syndrome Information Alliance meets at the Sutter Cancer Center, 2800 L Street in Sacramento. For more information, call 658-1686 or visit www.downsyndromeinfo.org.

Alzheimer's society meets

The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in January at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

Widowed persons meet

The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Activities include bowling, brown bag opera, needle and thread, breakfasts, dinners, golf, card games, dancing and traveling. For more information, call 972-9722.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Abimelech in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From John 15:5 Jesus said, "I am the vine, ye are the ..."? *Water, Wind, Tree, Branches*
3. According to Paul, what kind of giver does God love? *Loving, Generous, Cheerful, Reluctant*
4. What did Methuselah become at 187 years old? *Saved, Invalid, Father, Martyr*
5. From Exodus 33, who was Moses' personal servant? *Joshua, Zilpah, Gehazi, Elisha*
6. What was Amos the prophet? *Priest, Herdman, Carpenter, Fisherman*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Branches; 3) Cheerful; 4) Father; 5) Joshua; 6) Herdman

For more teasers, log on to www.TriviaGuy.com

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Return to your Bible

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

- Decoration management made easy: Wrap string lights around paper towel cores; wine boxes (find them at your local liquor store) can be used to separate wrapped ornaments; and garment bags are a nice cover for wreaths and garlands.
- Now is a great time to go through your 2006 calendar and notate dates for 2007. Pay attention to when you had appointments for the dentist and your annual physical or well-woman appointment, in addition to birthdays and other celebratory dates. Make a note on the month before in your 2007 calendar as a reminder that you need to schedule a repeat appointment.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. WILD WEST: What was the name of Jesse James' brother and partner in crime?
2. ANATOMY: Where in the human body would you find the tympanic membrane?
3. MUSIC: Who had a hit album titled "Blood on the Tracks"?
4. LITERATURE: Who wrote the trilogy of novels called "U.S.A."?
5. MYTHOLOGY: What is a jinni?
6. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Portugal?
7. TELEVISION: What was the name of Robert Blake's cockatoo in the TV series "Baretta"?
8. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is the "Grand Canyon State"?
9. POETRY: What is a heroic couplet?
10. ADVERTISEMENTS: What product's slogan is "When it rains, it pours"?

Answers

1. Frank James
2. Middle ear (eardrum)
3. Bob Dylan
4. John Dos Passos
5. A supernatural creature in Arabic mythology that can take human or animal form
6. Lisbon
7. Fred
8. Arizona
9. Two rhymed 10-syllable lines of poetry
10. Morton Salt

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A hectic period begins to wind down. Take time to draw some deep breaths and relax before getting into your next project. A long-absent family member makes contact.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to move forward with a new challenge that suddenly dropped in your lap. But you'd be wise to take this one step at a time to allow new developments to come through.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're almost ready to make a commitment. A lingering doubt or two, however, should be resolved before you move ahead. An associate could provide important answers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still the watchword as you move closer toward a decision about a new situation. If you act too hastily, you might miss some vital warning signs. Go slowly and stay alert.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your new goal looks promising, and your golden touch does much to enhance its prospects for success. In your private life, Cupid does his best to make your new relationship special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That impatient side of yours is looking to goad you into moving before you're ready to take that big step. Stay calm and cool. Let things fall into place before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A legal matter you hoped could finally be settled could be a pesky problem for a while, until all the parties agree to stop disagreeing with each other. Be patient.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Partnerships — personal or professional — which began before the new year take on new importance. They also reveal some previously hidden risks. So be warned.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your associates are firmly on your side, and that persistent problem that has caused you to delay some activities should soon be resolved to your satisfaction.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Favorable changes continue to dominate, and you should be responding positively as they emerge. Someone wants to become more involved in what you're doing.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A friend wants to share a secret that could answer some questions you've wondered about for a long time. Meanwhile, travel aspects continue to be strong.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Stay on your new course despite so-called well-meaning efforts to discourage you. Rely on your deep sense of self-awareness to guide you to do what's right for you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the capacity to meet challenges that others might find overwhelming, and turn them into successful ventures.

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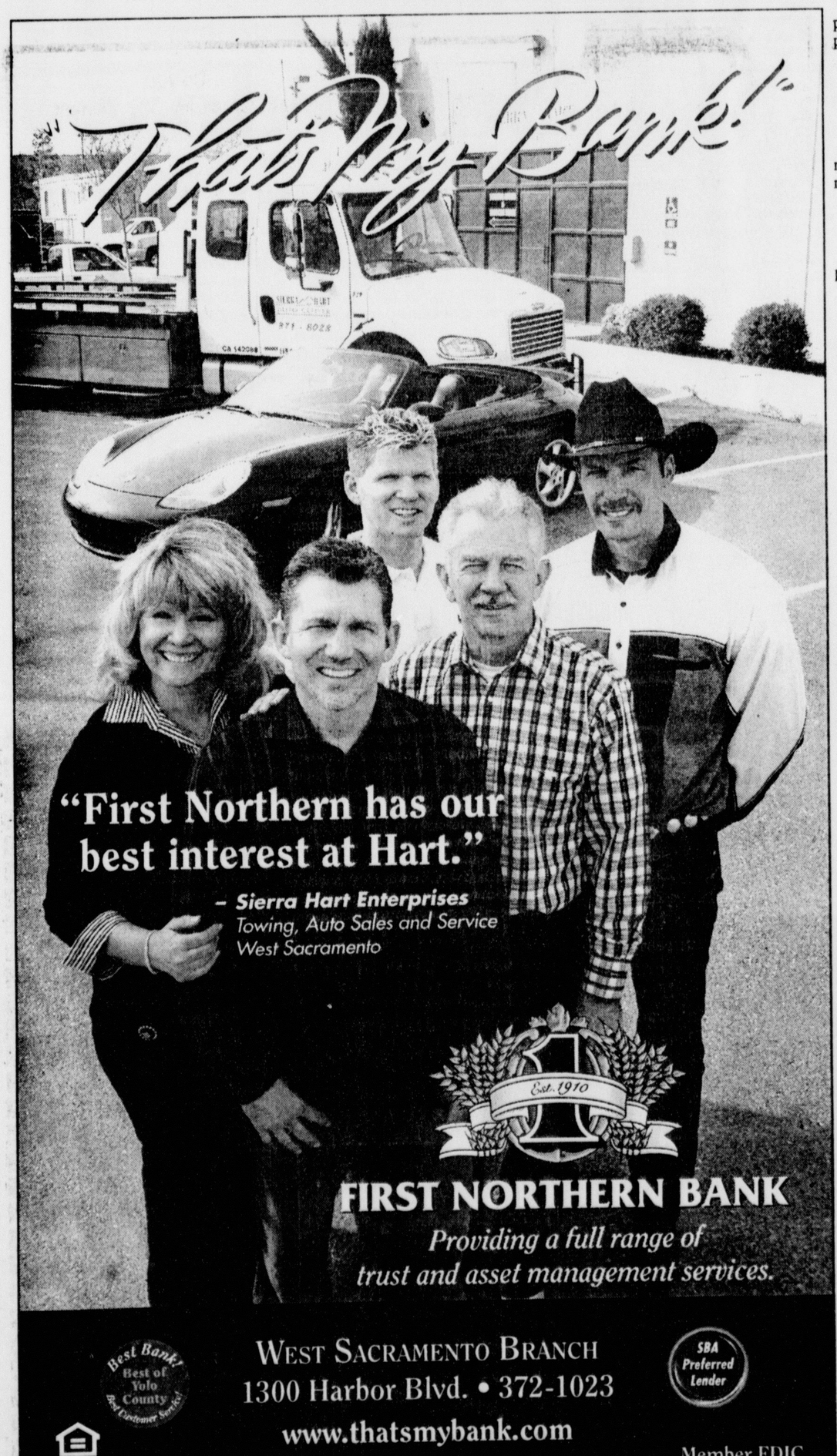
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News-Ledger Directory of Local Places of Worship

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Center for Spiritual Awareness 1020 W. Capitol Ave., 374-9177 Sun. services 9 & 11 am Meditation at 10:30 a.m. Praise & worship 10:45 a.m. Junior church for all ages at 11 am	**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** 2667 Linden Road Bishop Ray Jackson, (916) 372-1113 Sunday Meeting Times: Sacrament Meeting, 9 a.m. PUBLIC WELCOME!	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** Frank Hightower, Elder 519-5329 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. 372-6570
Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 9am: Family-Friendly Contemporary Service 11am: Blended Traditional & Contemporary Service	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. (near Todhunter) Pastor Giancarlo Mittempergher Sat. Vigil 5 p.m. (English) Sunday 9 (English) Noon & 7 p.m. (Spanish) Mon 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish), Fri. 8:30 a.m. Call 371-1211	**First Southern Baptist Church** Rev. Don Parker Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship 11am Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111
SouthPort Community Church Pastor Bruce Maier Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m. KidLand during service. Youth & Small Group Ministry for All Ages. 1350 Halyard Dr., W. Sac. 372-7818 www.southportcommunity.com	**WestSide Covenant Church** Worship Services at Collings Teen Center 1541 Merkley Ave. Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. www.westsidecov.org 371-3933	**New Discovery Christian Church** Now meeting at Elkhorn Village Elementary School, 750 Cummins Way, West Sac. at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jerry Green (916) 600-3784
Horizon Christian Fellowship Rev. Claude J Perez, Sr., Pastor 1800 Manzanita Way, 371-3458 SUN Worship 9:30 & 11 am SUN Worship & Prayer 6pm WED Bible Study 7pm THURS Youth Group 7pm 1st & 3rd FRI Singles 7pm 2nd FRI Women's Fellowship 7pm	**Radiant Life Church of West Sacramento** 3605 Gregory Ave (in Southport, where Jefferson, Davis & Gregory meet) Worship Sun. 10 a.m. Youth Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Call 371-6706	**Fresh Oil KingdomMinistries** Meeting every Sunday at 3pm Turner Library Community Rm 1212 Merkley Ave (916) 617-4377 Bible-based ministry. Pastors: William & Rachel Wiley Bible study each Wed. 7pm, 1479 Barona St., W Sac.

From the archives of Jan. 3, 1919

PAGE FROM THE PAST

THE YOLO INDEPENDENT

OPENING OF SCHOOL INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

The trustees of the Washington Public School have decided that the session will not be opened within the coming week or until the epidemic of influenza has decreased.

At the present time it is dangerous to subject the children to contagion because it is known that on New Year's Day there were eighteen cases of the disease in the town and nearly all among children.

One of the trustees said to the Independent yesterday that the lost time can easily be made up by cutting out the non-essential studies during the remainder of the term after the school opens and permitting the children to devote all their time to the subjects that are considered essential.

Trustee White was in Woodland a few days ago and secured from the County Superintendent of Schools her consent to this idea.

The date for opening cannot be announced at this time but due notice will be given in the Independent as soon as possible.

At the same time, four of his children were down and Mrs. Bowlen seriously ill. All have recovered except Mrs. Bowlen who is suffering from nervous break-down.

J. Trudell has practically disposed of his junk business in Washington and bought a grocery store in Sacramento, located on M street between 15th and 16th. During the past three years, Jack, as he was familiarly known, or Junkie Jack, did a thriving business in the locality and his many friends wish him success in his new venture.

C. W. Templar from Imlay, Nevada, has been a visitor in Washington during several days past. He says that Nevada is the funniest thing on the face of the globe under a dry regime. The people simply think they are dry and even make believe they are dry all the time and they consume booze like they always did. They simply keep on drinking now where formerly they rested once in a while.

George Newton, who has been a member of the Washington, D. C., police department during the past several months, has returned to Washington, Y. C., to make his future home. George says it is too darned cold in that country for a human being and there are too many barebones to watch an honest man at his work. He says he would rather work for $20 a month hauling rock than for $150 a month on the Police Force of the National Capitol. He is back at work hauling rock with Percy Hart for the concrete roadway in the Sutter Basin.

G. M. Purinton who uses the Leinberger slaughter house periodically for the killing of cattle, especially veal, has been enjoying considerable prosperity the short time he has been a resident of Yolo County. Formerly he was a resident of San Jose, where he conducted a wholesale butcher business.

Charles Parlin, a freight handler at the Southern Pacific sheds, was sentenced to 60 days in the County Jail by Judge Barry last Tuesday. He pleaded guilty to the theft of two bottles of gin from a case which he had found open in the freight sheds and brought them to his scow at this side of the river where he proceeded to celebrate the New Year with some friends. A warrant for his arrest was sworn to by railroad detective V. McShane.

Mrs. Charles Hines and children are at their home in Riverbank after a few days vacation in San Francisco.

Harley Gallup spent a furlough of ten days with his sister in Riverbank during the holiday season. He has returned to St. Louis.

Alfred Evans returned to New York after a ten days' furlough which had been given him by the Navy authorities so that he might attend the funeral of his father, Thomas Evans. His mother, Mrs. Evans, has asked for his discharge because she is entirely dependent on him for support. In all probability it will be granted him.

Ray Russell was at home during the holiday season on furlough from Mare Island. He has returned to his post again.

Eighteen cases of influenza prevailed in Washington on New Year's Day, but some were of such a slight character that the afflicted were recovering rapidly. There is no doubt however, that the disease has taken its toll at this side of the river as well as elsewhere.

Mrs. Thomas Williams who has been down with the influenza is gradually recovering.

Norman White has been at home during the holidays from Camp Fremont where he has been in the service of his country during the past six months. He expects his final discharge very soon. His brother, F. L. White, is confined to a hospital in Camp Dix, New Jersey.

Miss Veda White has been confined to her home here with a slight case of the influenza. She is able to be around her home and expects to be out in a few days.

Word has been received from Stockton of the death of Ed Todhunter, a former resident of Washington and brother of Frank, John, and Bert Todhunter. He was 52 years of age, the cause of his death being influenza.

MERKLEY'S DEATH CAUSED BY PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

Taken down with influenza about ten days ago, John J. Merkley, a victime of tuberculosis, died at his home near Vin Station, on the Sacramento Northern Railway, north of Washington, on New Year's Eve.

For some time, John Merkley had been suffering with the trouble but owing to his age his relatives felt that he would overcome the disease. He was less than 24 years of age.

John Merkley was a bright, intelligent young fellow and on the death of his father nearly two years ago, succeeded to the management of the ranch owned by his mother.

Besides her, he leaves Mrs. Howard Williams, a sister, Ella, Ruth and Jessie C. Merkley to mourn him.

He was a native of the place where his death occurred and was a sober and industrious young man.

His funeral was held last Thursday from the undertaking parlors of Miller & Skelton in Sacramento and was strictly private.

LEVEES FOR SACRAMENTO BY-PASS BEING BUILT

A suction dredger has been at work for some time in the Sacramento River at the Sacramento By-pass filling or building the levees at either side of the pass to guard the land outside the by-pass.

The work is progressing slowly but as fast as may be expected under the conditions. Sand is being pumped from the bed of the stream to make the filling which will probably be finished before the end of January.

This work has been in progress for several years, Sacramento City bonding itself for the building of the weir proper and the State Reclamation Board taking over the balance of the work as a part and parcel of the State reclamation scheme in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys.

Following the completion of these levees at either side of the by-pass to the Yolo Basin, the front levee will be leveled leaving the weir exposed to the river and permitting any undue excess water to flow over the weir and into the basin.

So much delay has been occasioned in this work that many people became of the impression that it would never be finished. It is now in a fair way to be completed before any winter flood and the present stage of the river seems to guarantee there will be no trouble during this winter season.

CRIPPLE KILLED BY FALL FROM TRUCK

Last Saturday evening Wm. Emerson, a resident of Sacramento and legless, while riding on a truck on Second street near the railroad embankment with his companion, A. H. Flint, was jolted from the seat and fell a distance of about 10 feet.

When picked up, Emerson was in a precarious condition and on removal to the Emergency Hospital in Sacramento where he was given first aid, he died.

Flint and Emerson had been at work hauling wood for Hart and Brietzke. After their day's work was completed they were returning to Sacramento. The truck struck a rut which jolted Emerson from the seat resulting in his death.

A verdict of accidental death was rendered by a jury in Coroner Fenton's court.

LARGE SUM INVESTED IN WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

The residents of Washington District have invested in War Savings Stamps up till December 31, 1918, the great sum of $13,264.30. This is somewhat short of the quota apportioned to the district but is nevertheless a splendid showing for the people of this district.

Yolo County, as a whole, has gone over its allotment of $300,000.

Stamps are still on sale at the Post Office in Washington, with the probability that the alloted amount will be reached within the coming month.

A little love goes a long way—occasionally to the divorce court.

SENSIBLE SERVICEABLE CLOTHES

FOR MEN

at prices that men expect to pay—no more—no less.

We don't believe in fooling our customers with false promises.

We have a large variety of woolens.

We make suits to

Your Measure $25 up

TOMMY CLIFTON

TAILOR

Sacramento 1009 8th St.

Annual Sale of Walk-Overs

To make room for our Big Spring Stock, we are closing out some of best shoes that money can buy at great reductions. Sale will start

Saturday January 4 1919

Walk-Over Boot Shop

727 K Street

Sacramento, Calif.

Leo Garfinkle, 723 K St.

Year End Sale

will contine

OFFERING EVEN GREATER VALUES

THAN DURING THE LAST WEEK

Every Fall and Winter Suit Coat and Dress

Must be closed out to make room for New Spring Goods which will be shown at this store about the middle of January.

30- to 60-Day Charge Accounts

Leo Garfinkle

RIVERSIDE INN CAFE

De Luxe Italian Dinner With Wine $1.25

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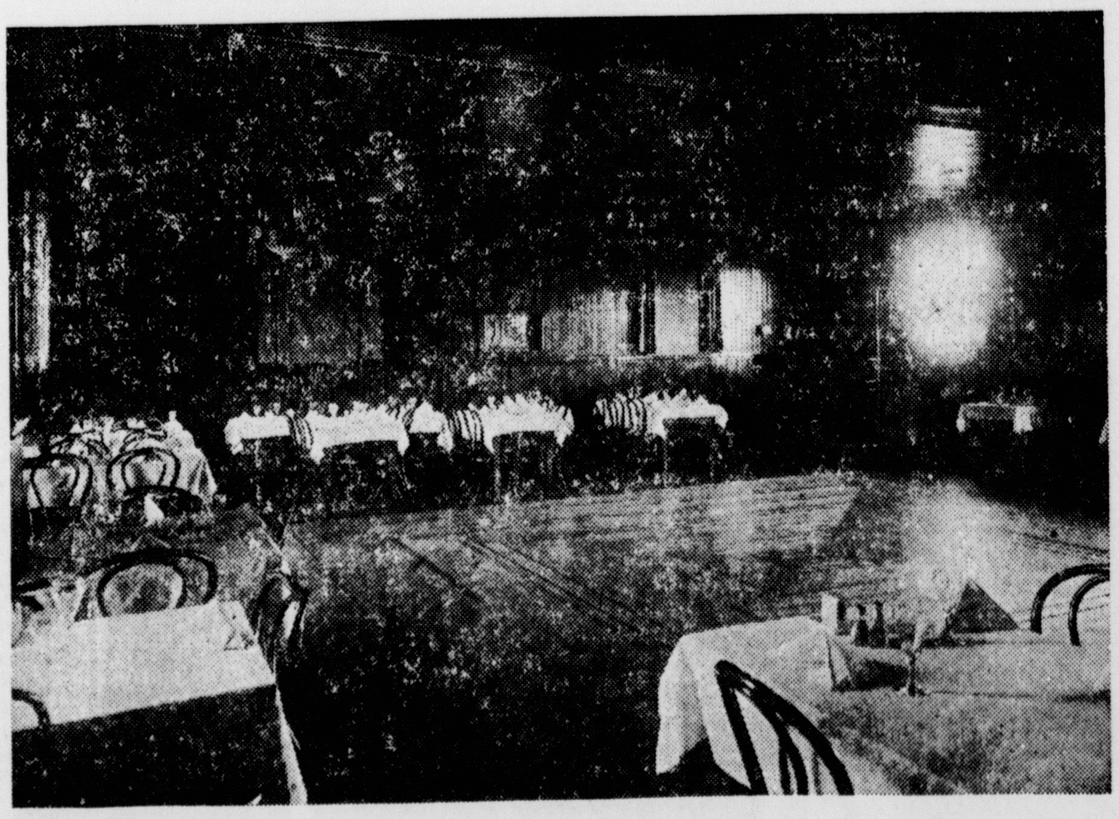
TAKE 10TH ST. CAR



Letters to the Editor

Keep Bryte post office open

It has come to my attention that the ever relentless federal powers that be (at the quasi-governmental department of the United States Postal Service) are once again casting their covetous eye of closure at our little, beleaguered Bryte Station postal annex. We have, in my recollection, been through this at least twice before in fairly recent history. Once again, despite promises made at a meeting in the auditorium of Golden State Middle School with the Western Regional Director and dozens of concerned citizens to the contrary, they are looking to close our historic little branch. Once again, we shall defeat them. Only this time, in the manner of Reagan's "trust but verify" philosophy, we shall demand written verification of their heretofore apparently empty promises.

"It doesn't earn it's keep!" cry they. "Fie and a pox be upon you!" say we. We who see on a daily basis the legions of local, and mostly immigrant women ("of a certain age", and beyond) who have no other form of convenient transportation than "shanks mare" to conduct their postal business of sending money back to their relatives in the land of their origin, or receiving letters and packages from those same relatives, or others, and more, as they go about their business of becoming a vital part of the fabric of their newly chosen land.

To address the apparent lack of profitability motive they claim is their only concern, I note the following: 1. If the driving force behind government agencies is supposed to be profitability, shut them all down -- the reasons are actuarially self-evident. 2. If the justification for governmental social service programs to the poor, the disadvantaged, etc., is to eliminate the very reason for their existence by being successful at their work, then, for example, the food stamp program wouldn't be trolling for new "clients". 3. They must learn that we not only expect them to keep their promises to us, their employers, but we will loudly and firmly stand up and demand that they do so.

J. BESHARIAN
West Sacramento

We can't leave Iraq till the job is done...
...and what exactly is the job?
Telling you why we can't leave Iraq...
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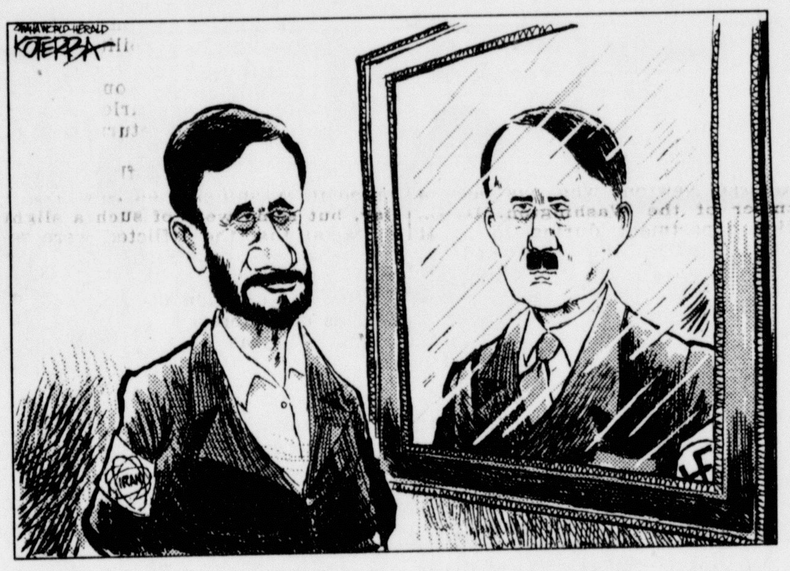
CHENEY
MARGULIES



Books

The Power of Nice: How to Conquer the Business World With Kindness
by Linda Kaplan Thaler and Robin Koval
(Currency Doubleday, $17.95)
Reviewed by Larry Cox

Has nice become the new mean?

Two of the most successful women in advertising, Linda Kaplan Thaler and Robin Kovel, flip the age-old mantra "nice guys finish last" on its head. In a remarkable new book, they build a convincing case that this old belief is a lie — a lie that not only undermines success in business but distracts from almost every aspect of life. Not only do nice guys and girls finish first, they wind up leading happier lives as well.

When Thaler and Koval started their advertising agency in 1997, they shared a simple quality they knew would give them an edge on the competition. Both were nice, pleasant people and went out of their way to treat others well. After a decade of practicing what they preached, their agency had become one of the fastest-growing in the country with more than $1 billion in billings.

They did this by following several principles. For example, they thought of positive impressions — a laugh, a smile — as seeds. Once planted, they flourish and grow.

They also went out of their way to treat everyone as if he or she was the most important person in the world, and they never forget the potential power of the intern, assistant or receptionist.

According to the authors, "nice" must be automatic and not something that can be "turned on" when it is beneficial. Negative impressions are like germs that silently infect everyone and should be avoided.

In "The Power of Nice," Thaler and Kovel make a persuasive argument that no one is the enemy, everyone needs to be heard and putting yourself in other's shoes not only enlightens and inspires, but might help put you on top.

Books reviewed in this column are available online or at your local bookstore.

Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Jan. 10, 1901,** in the town of Beaumont, Texas, a 100-foot drilling derrick named Spindletop produces a roaring gusher of black crude oil. The first major oil discovery in the United States, the Spindletop gusher marked the beginning of the American oil industry.

• On **Jan. 13, 1928,** television sets are installed in three homes in Schenectady, N.Y. RCA and General Electric installed the sets, which displayed a 1.5-inch-square picture.

• On **Jan. 12, 1932,** Ophelia Wyatt Caraway, a Democrat from Arkansas, becomes the first woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate. Caraway, born near Bakerville, Tenn., had been appointed to the Senate two months earlier to fill the vacancy left by her late husband, Thaddeus Horatio Caraway.

• On **Jan. 11, 1949,** on Connecticut Avenue in Washington, D.C., the cornerstone is laid at the first mosque of note in the United States. Intended to serve as a national mosque for all American Muslims, the Islamic Center was built in a traditional Arabic architectural style, complete with a 160-foot minaret.

• On **Jan. 9, 1993,** Elvis Presley becomes the first rock musician featured on a postage stamp. The stamp, which showed Elvis as a slim young rocker instead of an older, heavier singer, was issued on what would have been his 58th birthday.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• The unknown soul who made the following sage observation must have been a keen observer of events: "A politician can appear to have his nose to the grindstone while straddling a fence and keeping both ears to the ground."

• The skin of the African elephant, the largest living land animal in the world, weighs 2,000 pounds by itself, and there are more than 60,000 muscles in its trunk alone.

• The record at hand tells of a wealthy man whose family harassed him his entire life to find a wife. The pressure became so great that he developed a hatred of women in general, and he remained a bachelor for his entire life. His antipathy was so great, in fact, that it was carried over even after his death at a rather old age. He specified in his will that he was not to be buried near a woman. In fact, his estate was required to purchase three gravesites next to each other and bury him in the middle one, leaving both of the others empty just to be sure no woman would lie next to him for eternity.

• I'd be very surprised if you've ever heard of Bokassa I, former emperor of the Central African Republic. It's interesting to note, though, that while he was on trial for infanticide, cannibalism and torture, he commented, "Being head of state is an extremely thankless job."

• Any author being published today would love to have his or her work chosen by Oprah Winfrey for her book club, thanks to the so-called Oprah Effect — being included in her book club typically results in a million additional book sales.

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Thought for the Day: "A hick town is one in which there is no place to go where you shouldn't be." — *Alexander Woollcott*

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 14 2006
File No. 2006-1078

The following person is doing business as Covell Cleaners, 1340 E Covell #109, Davis CA 95616:

WJ Inc., 1843 Trinity Way, W Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/14/06.

/s/Jung H Suh

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov 14 2006
by: /s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 14 2006
File No. 2006-1077

The following person is doing business as la maison de sante, 710 M Street, Davis CA 95616:

Michon Henderson, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Michon Henderson

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Date: Nov 14 2006
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 12 2006
File No. 2006-1154

The following person is doing business as Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan, 1 WellPoint Way, Thousand Oaks CA 91362:

Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc., 1 Wellpoint Way, Thousand Oaks CA 91362.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

/s/Douglas A. Schur, Asst. Secty.

BLUECROSS OF CALIFORNIA Partnership Plan, Inc.

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Date: Dec 12 2006
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 12 2006
File No. 2006-1155

The following person is doing business as Anthem Blue Cross, 1 WellPoint Way, Thousand Oaks CA 91362:

Blue Cross of California (a Calif. Corp.) 1 WellPoint Way, Thousand Oaks CA 91362.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

/s/Douglas A. Schur, Asst. Secty.

Blue Cross of California

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Date: Dec 12 2006
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

Dec 20 27 Jan 3 10

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 13 2006
File No. 2006-1157

The following person is doing business as Arnez Painting, 3419 Savannah Ln, Apt 1912, W. Sacto. CA 95691:

John K. Archuleta, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/12/06.

/s/John K. Archuleta

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec 13 2006
by: /s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk

Dec 20 27 Jan 3 10

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 11 2006
File No. 2006-1149

The following person is doing business as Recycle City, 3348 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Thomas G. Schmidt, 8713 Raven Hill Way, Antelope CA 95843.

This business is conducted by An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/11/06.

/s/Thomas G. Schmidt

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec 11 2006
by: /s/Carol Grein, Deputy Clerk

Dec 20 27 Jan 3 10

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 1 2006
File No. 2006-1043

The following person is doing business as Tanchel's Books:

Tanya Smith, West Sacramento CA 95605.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/26/06.

/s/Tanya Smith

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov 1 2006
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 9 2006
File No. 2006-1069

The following person is doing business as Brite Dental Laboratory, 326 3rd St., West Sacramento CA 95605:

Ambrosio Almoite, Jr., 1501 Exposition Blvd. #445, Sacramento CA 95815.

This business is conducted by An Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/09/2006.

/s/Ambrosio Almoite

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov 9 2006
by: /s/Carol Grein, Deputy Clerk

Dec 20 27 Jan 3 10

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2006-1075

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Foresters Financial Insurance Services, 28005 North Smyth Drive, Suite 103, Santa Clarita, CA 91355
Registrant(s) name and address:
Foresters Financial Partners, Inc., 28005 North Smyth Drive, Suite 103, Santa Calrita, CA 91355
This business is conducted by a corporation
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ Ira Lynn Gottshall, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/14/2006
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/06
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NEWS-LEDGER

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. GM-93193-C Loan No 0713042135 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/23/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR: CHERYL ZEKIS, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded 6/30/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0031468-00 in Book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Date of Sale: 1/9/2007 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: AT THE REAR (NORTH) ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA Property Address is purported to be: 3740 CASTAIC COURTWEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691-0000 APN #: 072-011-14-1 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is $626,299.54, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. Date: December 13, 2006 EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC FKA EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. 15455 SAN FERNANDO MISSION BLVD SUITE #208 MISSION HILLS, CA 91345 818-361-6998 DIANNA SANDOVAL TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 809682
12/20/2006, 12/27/2006, 01/03/2007

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• You may not realize it, but Abner Doubleday, the man generally credited with inventing the game of baseball, was a Union general during the Civil War — he even played a leading role in the Battle of Gettysburg.

• It was author and noted humorist Roy G. Blount Jr. who made the following observation: "Doctors and lawyers must go to school for years and years, often with little sleep and with great sacrifice to their first wives."

• Have you ever engaged in lip-clap? Chances are, you have — and if you haven't, I feel terribly sorry for you! "Lip-clap" is simply a little-used term for kissing.

• Last year, someone made a very generous donation to Goodwill — and didn't even realize it. This unknown philanthropist dropped a painting off at a donation center, but he obviously didn't have much of an eye for art. Fortunately for Goodwill, one of its employees did recognize the potential value of the watercolor. The painting was auctioned for more than $165,000, the proceeds going to the charity.

• Most of the caffeine in sodas comes from the leftovers from the process of making decaffeinated coffee.

• The lemon shark grows a new set of teeth every two weeks. Considering that the shark would have to be alive to grow the teeth, I certainly wouldn't want to have been the one given the task of figuring that out.

PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D. by Mike Marland

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

Mama's Boyz by Jerry Craft

MOM! YOU'RE LIMITING OUR TV TIME?!
YEP, FROM NOW ON IT'S 10 HOURS... TOPS!
TRUST ME, BOYS. IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.
OKAY, MOM, WE'LL CUT DOWN... I GUESS.
YOU CAN SPREAD THEM OUT OVER THE WEEK ANY-WAY YOU LIKE.
WEEK? I THOUGHT YOU MEANT 10 HOURS A DAY!!
Jerry Craft

Amber Waves by Dave Phipps

MOM, I DREW THIS ONE JUST FOR YOU.
OH, HONEY, I LOVE IT! I'LL HANG IT ON THE REFRIGERATOR.
I DON'T KNOW. I JUST HOPE IT'S NOT UPSIDE DOWN!
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POPEYE
HEY EISMAN
HAW! HAW!
OKAY, BRUTUS, YA AST FER IT!
PLEASE, GENTLEMEN, CEASE THIS UNENDING CONFLICT...
...ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR...
...RESIST THIS THIRST FOR VIOLENCE
PEACE ON EARTH CAN BEGIN RIGHT HERE...
START BY THINKING KINDLY THOUGHTS
...YOU CAN BRING THIS CYCLE OF CONFLICT TO A PEACEFUL CONCLUSION.
PERHAPS I'VE MADE ONE SMALL STEP FOR MANKIND...

Super Crossword — BASKET CASES

ACROSS
1 Word with candy or copy
5 Grumbles
10 Pro foe
14 Dough nut?
19 Nautical adverb
20 It's kept in a quiver
21 Ditch under a drawbridge
22 Prelim
23 Easter general?
25 Melba melody
26 "Slammin' Sam"
27 Make some dough
28 Auto pioneer
30 Ballet movement
32 Pressure meas.
33 Take
36 Beatles manager Brian
39 Impatient interrogative
40 Easter composer?
43 "Tell — No" ('65 hit)
44 "Dies —"
47 Keen
48 Sock part
49 Mozart's "Cosi — tutte"
50 "Pinocchio" frame
51 Famous frog
53 Place-kicker's prop
55 Cole slaw, e.g.
57 Phillips — Academy
59 Grate stuff
61 Actress Ruehl
64 Gals' counterparts
65 Garage supply
66 Nastase of tennis
67 Diminutive suffix
68 Billboard
70 Easter comic?
74 "Git, Garfield!"
75 Part of FDIC
76 Dread
78 Substance partner
79 Falcon feature
81 Rascal
83 Adagio or allegro
85 More abundant
88 — for news
89 WWII area
91 Least vivid
93 Khan opener?
94 Speck
95 Police acronym
97 Director Wertmuller
98 — Minor
99 Unseld or Craven
100 Easter ballplayer?
105 Challenge
106 It's hardly aesthetic
107 Former trees
110 Little devil
111 For fear that
112 Narcissus' nymph
115 Paper units
117 Fern feature
119 Walrus weapon
122 Easter crooner?
125 '61 Sam Cooke hit
126 Morlocks' prey
127 Declaim
128 "— never work!"
129 — -3 fatty acid
130 Talk wildly
131 Travis or Quaid
132 Concerning

DOWN
1 Carol start
2 George Hamilton's ex
3 Renaissance fiddle
4 Fiasco
5 Wrestling surface
6 Mine find
7 Chip off Woody's block
8 Playwright Coward
9 Where to drink glogg
10 Nephrologists' org.
11 Neither's partner
12 Asian capital
13 Type type
14 "— en scene"
15 Hostelry
16 Easter statesman?
17 School supply
18 "The Thinker" sculptor
24 "— fixe"
29 Tiff
31 Calligrapher's need
34 Groovy Austin
35 Dictator
37 Edinburgh natives
38 Quaker's pronoun
39 Cetacean
41 Iwo —
42 LaPlaca or Lurie
44 "— Station Zebra" ('68 film)
45 Ingram or Reed
46 Easter poet?
49 Mirror image?
51 Essential
52 Mix with water
54 Runner Zatopek
55 — Lanka
56 Creme — creme
58 Winery item
60 "Family Ties" mom
62 Conduit fitting
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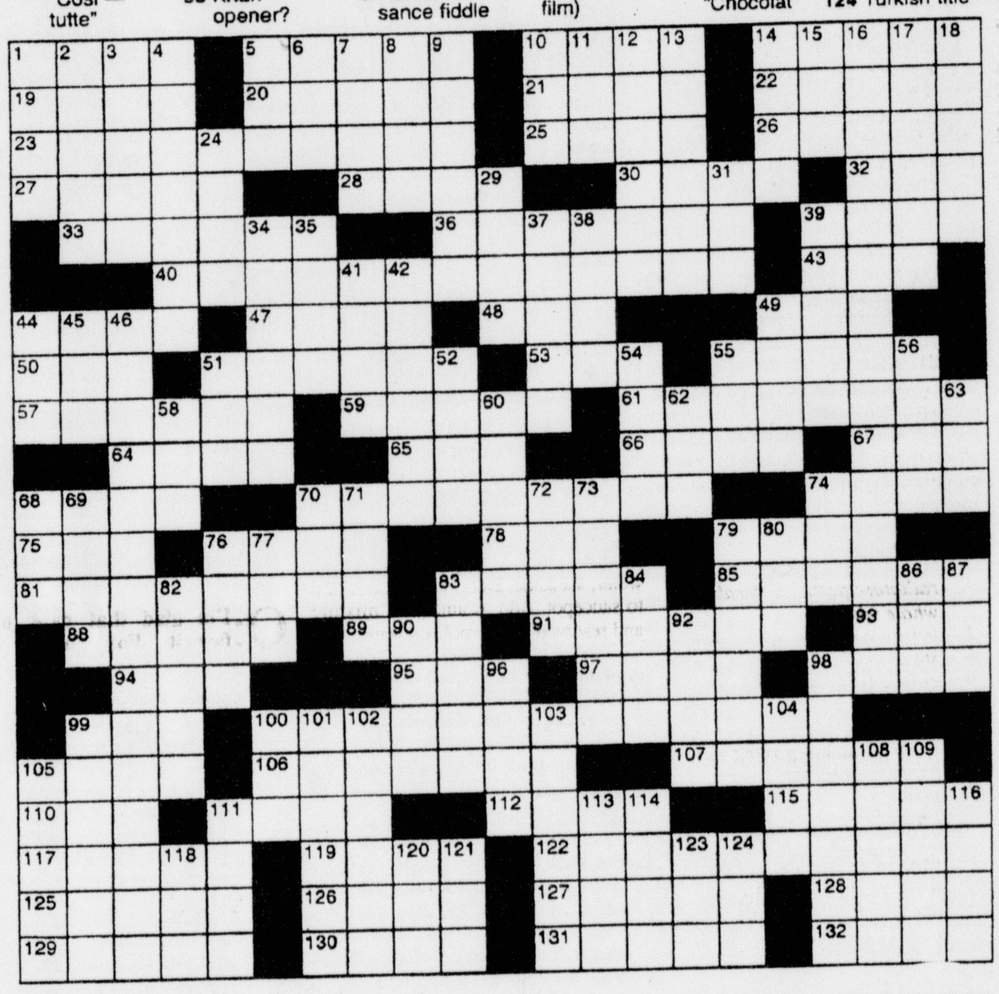

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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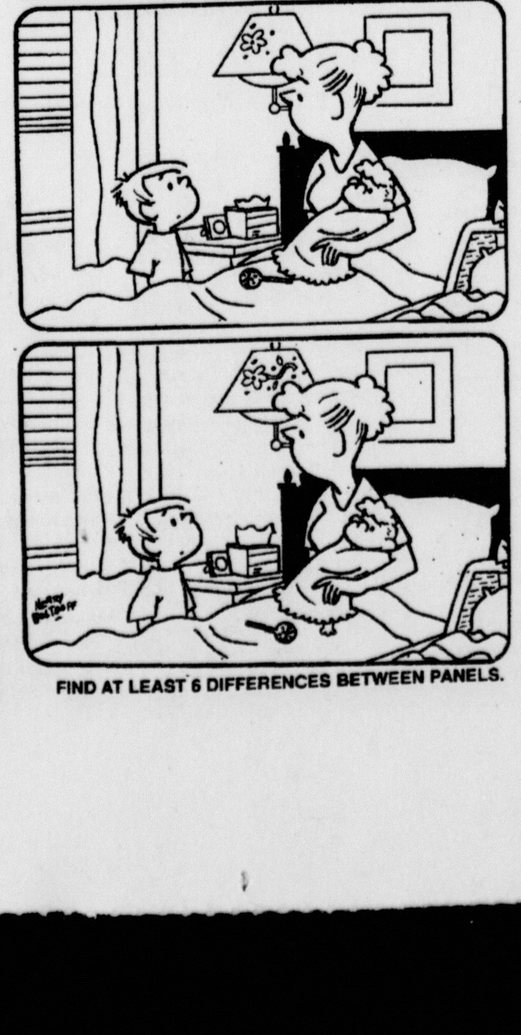
Character Profile:
Vultan
RULER OF THE CITY IN THE CLOUDS
FLASH GORDON
By JIM KEEFE
FLASHBACK:
FLASH, PALE AND DOCTOR ZARKOV ARE REUNITED...
...BUT THEIR GOOD FORTUNE IS SHORT-LIVED AS THEY FALL PREY TO THE TALONS OF KING VULTAN.
FLASH AND HIS COMRADES ARE FORCED TO JOIN THE TORTURED SLAVES OF THE ATOM FURNACES.
IN A DESPERATE ACT, FLASH DESTROYS THE RADIUM SUPPLY WHICH HOLDS THE CITY ALOFT.
ZARKOV AGREES TO SAVE THE CITY, BUT ONLY IF VULTAN PLEDGES THAT HIS PRISONERS BE SET FREE.
VULTAN AGREES.
UPON HEARING OF FLASH'S WHEREABOUTS, MING ARRIVES IN PERSON TO DELIVER THE YOUTH TO HIS TORTURE CHAMBERS.
TAKEN BY THE EARTHMAN'S SPIRIT, VULTAN RALLIES TO HIS SIDE.
VULTAN INVOKES THE ANCIENT LAWS OF MONGO DECREEING THAT FLASH BE ALLOWED TO FIGHT FOR HIS FREEDOM...
A TOURNAMENT OF DEATH!
TO BE CONT'D~

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

MAGIC MAZE ● — BUSH

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Blackberry, Bramble, Burning, Butterfly, Calico, Coyote, Cranberry, Creosote, Currant, Elderberry, Fire, Gooseberry, Hog plum, Juniper, Raspberry

DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"Apocalypto"

Running time: 138 minutes
MPAA rating: R

It is 1519. The Mayan civilization is in its death throes. Around the city, crops are failing and deadly epidemics plague the populace. The high priests are sacrificing humans by the thousands to appease the gods, but to no avail. And there are portents of an even greater danger yet to come.

This is the setting of Mel Gibson's "Apocalypto," one of the best films of the year. It is a grand, period adventure film in the vein of "Braveheart," but with a more compelling story, more intense and graphic action, and jaw-dropping visuals.

Yes, the violence is pretty brutal, but so is surviving in the jungle. If a character is going to be attacked by a jaguar, I don't want some laughable sequence with an actor wrestling a stuffed animal, I want to see the victim's face ripped off. And in the Getting Your Face Ripped Off by a Jaguar Dept., Mel Gibson delivers the goods. In Spades.

The story of "Apocalypto" is told in three 45-minute chunks, with the action quotient amped up with each act.

The first act takes place in the jungle, where we meet the hero of the film, Jaguar Paw (Rudy Youngblood), a young, respected hunter in his tribe. His tribe lives peacefully in the jungle. The women are all bare-breasted and fertile. The men jolly and always successful in their hunts. There's fish aplenty in the streams and the forest provides so much meat, that there's always a tapir on the barbie.

But their quiet, happy existence is short-lived, as a band of soldiers from the Mayan city raids the village, killing most of the tribe, raping the women and then capturing many of the tribe's men — who will be used as human sacrifices by the priests.

Rudy Youngblood

The second act is the prisoners' journey through the perilous, savage jungle to the city — a Mayan version of the Bataan Death March

The final act is when Jaguar Paw escapes from the Mayan city so he can head back to his village to save his pregnant wife and child, who are trapped in a pit. Jaguar Paw is chased through the jungle by a ruthless band of soldiers in a thrilling 45-minute action sequence that'll make you leave the theater gasping for breath.

I know the prevailing attitude is that just because Mel Gibson said stupid stuff when he was drunk, that we're supposed to hate his movies now. Frankly, I don't buy into that. My job isn't to tell you whether to like a guy or not. My job as a film critic is to tell you whether I think a movie is worth spending your hard-earned money on.

"Apocalypto" is worth it.

Grade: A

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celebrity extra
by cindy elavsky

Q. I was listening to the radio this morning and the announcer was talking about how Jill Hennessey (of "Crossing Jordan") has an identical twin sister. What other celebrities have twins that might not be "common knowledge"? — *A Reader, Palm Bay, Fla.*

A. Not of common knowledge? Meaning, we all know about Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen and Jeremy and Jason London, so you want to know about the "secret" twins? Well, how about Deidre Hall? Did you know that she has a fraternal twin sister — Andrea Hall — who actually played the younger sister of Deidre's character ("Marlena Evans") on "Days of Our Lives" back in the late '70s through the early '80s?

Other stars with fraternal twins include actor Ashton Kutcher, former Bronco's quarterback John Elway, supermodel Gisele Bündchen, actress Scarlett Johansson, actor Kiefer Sutherland, singer Justin Timberlake and actor Billy Dee Williams. Celebrities with identical twins include race-car driver Mario Andretti, actress Linda Hamilton, basketball player Horace Grant, actor Jon Heder and actor Nicholas Brendon.

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Q. I loved "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" and "Waiting ..." The main reason: actor David Koechner. He never fails to crack me up. I haven't seen him in anything in a while. Is he doing anything new? — *Henry L., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.*

A. Beginning Jan. 17, Koechner can be seen as "Trucker" on the new Comedy Central program "The Naked Trucker and T-Bones Show" with Dave "Gruber" Allen. The show is described as: "A little bit Butch and Sundance with a dash of Woody Guthrie, these 21st-century folk heroes drop by their favorite roadhouse to share their latest adventures. Heck, they might even pick-up a special celebrity 'Hitchhiker of the Week' on the way." Sounds like we might have another "crack-up" on our hands!

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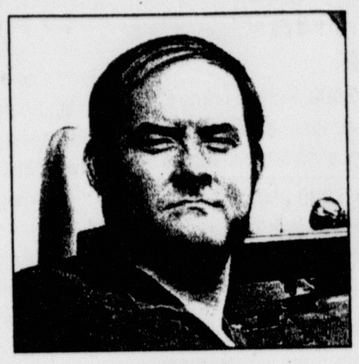
Q. I'm glad that most of my favorite Fox Sunday night shows are back, but I have one question: Where is "King of the Hill"? Please don't tell me it's over. — *Jacob D., via e-mail*



David Koechner

A. Don't you worry, "King of the Hill" will be back on Jan. 21, with a new season of hillbilly humor, propane and propane counterparts, with a number of celebrity guest stars lending their voices. Here are just a few of the stars who will make cameos on "King" this season: John Goodman, ZZ Top, Will Arnett, Rue McClanahan and, of course, Tom Petty will be back as Lucky, Luanne's fiance.

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Q. Are Kelly O'Donnell and Norah O'Donnell of NBC News sisters? Also, there is a Lawrence O'Donnell on sister station MSNBC. Any relation? — *David C., Thomaston, Texas*

A. David, this is a common misbelief that I will try to clear up here: The three O'Donnells — Kelly, Norah and Lawrence — are not related to one another. However, they are all related to actor Chris O'Donnell of "Scent of a Woman" fame. I'm kidding, I'm kidding! But, we can try to get that rumor started anyway.

Have a question for Cindy? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Before he abandoned the ring for an acting career, Tony Danza's record as a middleweight boxer was 12 wins, 3 losses.

Good Housekeeping

Penne Rigate with Sweet-and-Spicy Picadillo Sauce

PREP: 10 minutes
COOK: about 15 minutes
MAKES: 6 main-dish servings

- *1 package (16 ounces) penne rigate, bow-tie pasta or radiatore pasta, preferably whole wheat*
- *2 teaspoons olive oil*
- *1 small onion, finely chopped*
- *2 cloves garlic, crushed with press*
- *1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon*
- *1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)*
- *3/4 pound lean (90 percent) ground beef*
- *Salt*
- *1 can (14 1/2 ounces) whole tomatoes in puree (if unavailable, use whole tomatoes in juice), preferably reduced sodium*
- *1/2 cup dark seedless raisins*
- *1/4 cup salad olives, drained, or chopped pimiento-stuffed olives*
- *Chopped fresh parsley for garnish*

1. Heat large saucepot of salted water to boiling over high heat. Add pasta and cook as label directs.

2. Meanwhile, in nonstick 12-inch skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat until hot. Add onion and cook, stirring frequently, until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in garlic, cinnamon and ground red pepper; cook 30 seconds. Increase heat to medium-high; add ground beef and 1/2 teaspoon salt and cook, stirring frequently, until beef begins to brown, about 5 minutes. Spoon off any excess fat as necessary. Stir in tomatoes with their puree, raisins and olives, breaking up tomatoes with side of spoon, and cook until sauce thickens slightly, about 5 minutes longer.

3. When pasta has cooked to desired doneness, remove 1 cup pasta cooking water; set aside. Drain pasta and return to saucepot. Add ground-beef mixture and reserved pasta cooking water; toss well to coat pasta. Season with salt to taste. Garnish with parsley to serve.

• Each serving: About 452 calories, 22g protein, 67g carbohydrate, 9g fiber, 12g total fat (3g saturated), 37mg cholesterol, 175mg sodium (if using reduced-sodium tomatoes).

ON THE SIDE: For each person, trim and steam 8 spears asparagus. Serve with a spritz of lemon juice.

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Fave Foods OF THE FAMOUS
by Steven Austin

Leo Pearlstein

Before the writer of this column was born, Leo Pearlstein knew the food secrets of the world's most popular celebrities and its most powerful politicians. And like the heroic American farmer who feeds the planet, his impact on what we eat and where we dine today remains immeasurable.

Known as the "King of Culinary Public Relations," Pearlstein opened his own agency in 1950 during the birth of the television industry. His clients' food products and services were introduced to the public via TV, radio and print by legends like Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Abbott and Costello, Burns and Allen, Groucho Marx and so many others. Even President Nixon's administration requested Pearlstein's expertise on food and nutrition.

Many of the items we now eat and drink were first promoted by Pearlstein and his stellar team, and you can read all about this amazing man in his books, "Celebrity Stew," "Recipes of the Stars" and "Mrs. Cubbison's Best Stuffing Cookbook." To learn more, go to: www.celebritystew.com and www.mrscubbisons.com

You've seen so many eating trends and fads come and go. Tell us about the best and the worst.

"I think, and so do my friends, that the worst trend was the excess we saw in the '80s. That is, both consumers and restaurant operators stacked foods to show off rather than just enjoy them, placing too much emphasis on the presentation plate. And they were way too expensive, as well. The best, in our opinion, is a trend back to basics, like comfort foods."

Of all the great legends you've interviewed and worked with, name a few who were so good in the kitchen that they could have been a top chef in another life.

"Phyllis Diller, without a question! A tremendous cook and charming hostess. Extremely creative with food. And Vincent Price with his wife, Mary, wrote a fantastic cookbook called 'A Treasury of Great Recipes.'"

A publicity event that didn't work out as planned, but still managed to be entertaining and valuable to your client:

"We created the largest in the world Jell-O mold made with fresh California plums. We did it at a hotel at the beach in Santa Monica. It was so heavy that we had to have several waiters put it on a plank and drive it down to the beach. The federal government arrested the undocumented workers, and we lost their help — causing many problems. But we got tremendous television coverage for plums."

Funniest or craziest search for a Miss ___:

"Searching for Miss Turkey Stuffing, for Mrs. Cubbison's prepared stuffing mix, we had 10 contestants at the L.A. Press Club. One contestant misunderstood what we were looking for, and was extremely overweight, thinking she'd get it because she was well-stuffed. We chose Arlene Charles, a former Miss Indiana, who was very charming, bright and a terrific presenter."

It's dinner at your house with four stars past or present. We know it's a tough choice, but pick four people and tell us what's on the menu.

"Phyllis Diller, Bob Hope, Jayne Mansfield and Bill Cosby. The menu includes Bob Hope's broiled grapefruit, Phyllis Diller's scallops and pesto sauce or baked dill-stuffed sole, Jayne Mansfield's roast turkey and Bill Cosby's prune stuffing."

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PHYLLIS DILLER'S BAKED DILL-STUFFED SOLE

- *3 pounds fillet of sole or halibut*
- *1 (6 ounce) bag Mrs. Cubbison's Cornbread Stuffin'*
- *1/4 cup melted butter*
- *1/4 cup chopped dill pickles*
- *1/4 cup minced onion*
- *1 egg, beaten*
- *2 tablespoon or less dry white wine*
- *1 onion, sliced very thin*
- *1 tomato, sliced very thin*
- *Salt and pepper and sweet basil, to taste*

Butter a shallow baking dish and place half the fish in it. Make stuffing by combining and mixing the cornbread stuffin', melted butter, dill pickles, minced onion if desired, salt and pepper, beaten egg and enough wine to moisten to your desired consistency. Spread the stuffing over the fish in the baking dish. Top with remaining fish. On top of fish, arrange thin onion slices, then tomato slices. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and sweet basil to taste. Bake about 40 minutes at 350 F or until fish flakes with a fork. Yields 6-8 servings.

Comfort foods
Made fast and healthy

by Healthy Exchanges

Zach's Creamy Chicken Broccoli Soup

January is National Soup Month. Ladle yourself up a bowl!

- *1 (14-ounce) can Swanson Lower Sodium Fat-Free Chicken Broth*
- *2 cups frozen chopped broccoli, thawed*
- *1/4 cup finely chopped onion*
- *1 cup fat-free milk*
- *3 tablespoons all-purpose flour*
- *1 1/2 cups diced cooked chicken breast*
- *2 tablespoons Land O Lakes Fat Free Half and Half*
- *3/4 cup diced Velveeta Light processed cheese*
- *1/8 teaspoon black pepper*

In a medium saucepan sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, combine chicken broth, broccoli and onion. Cook over medium heat for 6 to 8 minutes or just until broccoli is tender. In a covered jar, combine milk and flour. Shake well to blend. Pour milk mixture into broccoli mixture. Add chicken, half and half, Velveeta cheese and black pepper. Mix well to combine. Continue cooking for 5 to 7 minutes or until mixture thickens and is heated through, stirring often. Makes 4 (1 cup) servings.

HINT: If you don't have leftovers, purchase a chunk of cooked chicken breast from your local deli.

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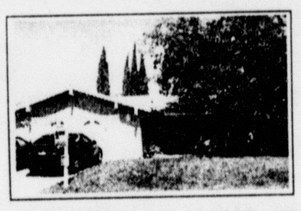
Se habla espanol -- Raul DeAnda



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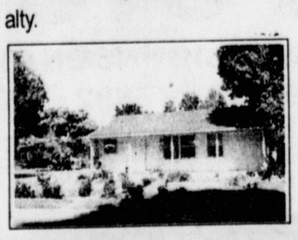

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HOME BUYER SPECIALIST: Confused? Concerned? Don't understand? CALL ME! I'll make it easy for you. VICKI BOURN, Associate Broker, ERA Mata Realty, 11035 Jefferson BLvd. Ste 1, West Sacramento CA 95691. (916) 622-1459.
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3577 Rio Rosa Way, $330,000 Delightful 3 bedroom 2 bath home features newly installed laminate floors in kitchen and living room; vibrant custom interior paint; and spacious, bright sun room. Offer by **ERA Mata Realty 916-372-3366 "Always there for you."**

3075 Lanai Court, $368,000 Lovely 3 bedroom 2 bath Beazer home on cul-de-sac lot; open floor plan. Stamped-concrete patio, beautiful landscape and no backyard neighbors. Offered by **ERA Mata Realty 916-372-3366 "Always there for you."**

3714 Jonko Way $299,500: Good starter home; 3 bedroom 2 bath. Needs light fixing and landscaping attention. Offered by **ERA Mata Realty 916-372-3366 "Always there for you."**
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2678 Princeton St, $200,000: Here is your fixer! 2 bedroom 1 bath. This property is sold in as-is condition. Offered by **ERA Mata Realty 916-372-3366 "Always there for you."**
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Business Opportunity: Captain Hooks Fish & Chips, $59,900: Motivated seller... furniture and inventory convey. Newly installed alarm system. Located near State office buildings and business park. Offered by **ERA Mata Realty 916-372-3366 "Always there for you."**
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590 Hawkcrest Circle, $953,850 Outstanding custom 5 bedroom, 3 bath lakefront home in the gated community of Sterling Cove. Far too many upgrades to list. You really must take the time to view this home...it is truly stunning. You will not be disappointed. Offered by **ERA Mata Realty 916-372-3366 "Always there for you."**
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9 Patmos **PENDING** $325,000 Quaint cul-de-sac. Remodeled 2003...kitchen, flooring, roof, windows, whole house fan and ceiling fans, stainless steel kitchen appliances and much more. Large lot with plenty of room to work or play. Offered by **ERA Mata Realty 916-372-3366 "Always there for you."**
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1551 Glidden Ave $335,000: Fantastic starter home. Goodsize 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nicely updated and landscaped. Screened "Florida" room. Large lot with two storage units. Offered by **ERA Mata Realty 916-372-3366 "Always there for you."**
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2369 Burberry, $504,900: Lovely, spacious, well-kept 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home in quiet neighborhood. Double-sided fireplace between living room and family room. Gorgeous remodeled master bath with deep tub and granite title. Private backyard. Don't miss this one. Offered by **ERA Mata Realty 916-372-3366 "Always there for you."**

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HOMES FOR RENT

HOME FOR RENT: 1518 Maryland (back house), West Sacto, 1 bdrm + den/1 bath, lvg rm, kitchen, laundry hookups, private yard! $900/mo OBO w/application. Call Jeff, (916) 996-6160.
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HOUSE FOR RENT: 2 bdrm, 1 bath, newly refurbished bathroom & floors. 628 Andrew St., West Sacramento. $900/mo + depo. Call 916-704-2972.
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HOMES NEEDED

FAMILIESFIRST
Short-term Emergency Shelter homes for 0-17 years old. Monthly reimbursement and family support services. 1-877-488-5437.
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APARTMENTS

1 bdrm apt for rent. $550/mo, $550 depo. Located near IKEA. For further information, please contact George at (916) 849-8028 or Lesley at (916) 952-5947.
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1/2 ACRE on the Sacramento River, $550,000! Yes, a half acre at 213 2nd St. on the Sacramento River. 40' wide & 335' deep with river frontage. Unique zoning & a unique property in the path of future develop. West Sacramento's Real Estate Specialist. 'The Real Estate Doctor.' JOHN KANE, 373-5300, Parkside Property - Kane Realty.
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1536 Sacramento Ave. - $218,000. 1/2 ACRE OF COMMERCIAL LAND. Almost a 1/2 acre of commercial land zoned C-2. A corner lot made up of three lots -- 150 feet frontage on Sacramento Ave. & 100 feet deep. Ready for development. Minutes to freeway. Call 'The Real Estate Doctor.' The West Sacramento Specialist. JOHN KANE, 373-5300. Parkside Property & Kane Realty.
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INVESTOR SPECIAL - SIX RENTAL UNITS, 1621 Sacramento Ave., $350,000. Fantastic investment opportunity for six rental units. 1 2-bdrm & 5 1-bdrms, gross annual rents over $31,000. Base asking price of $350,000, sold 'in present condition.' You will not find a better price. Call 'The Real Estate Doctor,' The West Sacramento Specialist, JOHN KANE, 373-5300. Parkside Property & Kane Realty.
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SITUATION WANTED

Do you have a little extra space on your property? Responsible person can bring mobilehome to live in, and can pay rent or help maintain property or provide personal care. References provided. Call Lorraine, 372-7614.
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HELP WANTED

Now hiring, stocking positions at W.S. Grocery Outlet. Must be reliable, friendly & able to lift up to 40 lbs. Training provided. Apply in person at 845 Harbor Blvd.
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Mature person for house cleaning 1 or 2 days/month. Can pay $9/hour. Starting in January. Days flexible. 372-1377.
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CURVES is accepting applications. People who are fun, energetic & have an interest in physical fitness & nutrition preferred. Flexible hours. Stop by or send resume to 2050 Town Center Dr. #B160, West Sacramento CA 95691.
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Health Access Outreach Coordinator with the Yolo County Children's Alliance. Children's Health Initiative FT, Salary $40-52k/yr. BA in related field. To apply submit a coverletter & resume to Yolo County Children's Alliance, 600 A St, Ste. Y, Davis CA 95616 or katievillegas@charter.net. For full job description visit: www.yolokids.org.
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Health Access Specialist with the Yolo County Children's Alliance, Children's Health Initiative 1 FT and .75 position available. Salary $25-32k/yr. High school diploma or GED required. Bilingual Spanish also required. To apply submit a coverletter & resume to Yolo County Children's Alliance, 600 A St, Ste. Y, Davis CA 95616 or katievillegas@charter.net. For full job description visit: www.yolokids.org.
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Administrative Assistant-Bilingual with the Yolo County Children's Alliance, PT $12-14.59/hr + bnfts. Well organized, outgoing & friendlly person needed. To apply submit a coverletter & resume to Yolo County Children's Alliance, 600 A St, Ste. Y, Davis CA 95616 or katievillegas@charter.net. For full job description visit: www.yolokids.org.
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HOSPITAL HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, $65,748 - $80,268 annually plus benefits, County of Kern - Kern Medical Center Bakersfield, CA, apply: www.co.kern.ca.us/person/pers.asp visit: www.KernMedicalCenter.com 1-661-326-2640 "Equal Opportunity Employer" (Cal-SCAN)

FIREFIGHTER & EMT. Paid OJTraining. Physically fit and under age 34. Min H.S. Grads. Relocate. Benefits. Call 1-800-345-6289. (Cal-SCAN)

DETENTION OFFICER: Phoenix, Arizona, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. $14.99/hr. Excellent benefits. No Experience Necessary. Contact 602-307-5245. 1-877-352-6276, or www.MCSO.org 400 vacancies, including civilian positions. (Cal-SCAN)

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BUILDING SALE!... Jan/Feb delivery or deposit holds till Spring. 25'x40'x12' $4800. 40'x60'x16' $12,800. Front end optional. Rear end included. Many others. Pioneer 1-800-668-5422 or www.PioneerSteel.com (Cal-SCAN)

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Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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WEST SACRAMENTO PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

The January 4, 2007 meeting of the West Sacramento Planning Commission has been cancelled.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento.

Steve Rikala, City Planner/ Secretary
West Sacramento Planning Commission
Jan 3

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on January 17, 2007 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

1. Consideration of Resolution 07-6 amending the Book of City Imposts for various city regulatory activities, products and/or services.

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CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING DIVISION NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FEDERAL AID PROJECT NUMBER: STPL-5447 (022) STATE NUMBER: 03-YOL-0-WSAC CITY WORK ORDER NUMBER: 15290

Sealed proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled: TOWER BRIDGE GATEWAY MODIFICATION PROJECT WEST PHASE will be received at the Department of Public Works and Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, Second Floor, West Sacramento, California 95691, until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday February 6, 2007 at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Conference Room at said address.

General Work Description:
The project will modify Tower Bridge Gateway in West Sacramento from a freeway to a city street from east of the Jefferson Boulevard interchange to the 5th Street on-ramp. The Riske Lane Overcrossing will be removed, and signalized intersections will be created with the proposed Garden Street at West Capitol Avenue and the proposed Garden Street/Delta Lane at Tower Bridge Gateway. The project will widen Tower Bridge Gateway and Riske Lane (Proposed Garden Street) and add landscaped pedestrian areas on both sides of the street.

This Contract has a completion time of One Hundred Forty (140) Working Days.

This project is subject to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations part 26 (49 CFR 26) entitled "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprise in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs." No pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project.

At the time this Contract is awarded, the Contractor shall possess a Class A General Engineering Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

This Contract is subject to State contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

Plans and specifications, and proposal forms for bidding this project can only be obtained at the office of the Director of Public Works and Community Development of the CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO, located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California 95691 (telephone 916-617-4645. A non-refundable payment of $45.00 for each set is required if picked up, and $55.00 if mailed.

No bid will be accepted unless it is made on the Proposal Form provided in these Special Provisions.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento. Such guarantee will be forfeited should the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fail to enter into the contract.

The successful bidder shall furnish a Payment Bond and a Performance Bond.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 4590, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance. Such securities, if deposited by the Contractor, shall be valued by the owner, whose decision on valuation of the securities shall be final. Securities eligible for investment under this provision shall be limited to those listed in Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code and section 16430 of the Government Code.

The Department of Public Works and Community Development hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to the advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing rate of wages in the City in which the work is done has been determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations. For bidding purposes these wage rate publications may be examined at the offices described above where project plans, Special Provisions, and proposal forms may be obtained. Future effective wage rates which have been predetermined and are on file with the Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in said publication.

Minimum wage rates for this project as predetermined by the Secretary of Labor are set forth in the Special Provisions. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the prevailing wage rates determined by the Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and his subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. The Public Works and Community Development Department will not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the Federal wage determinations. This includes "helper" (or other classifications based on hours of experience) or any other classification not appearing in the Federal wage determinations. Where Federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determination otherwise available for use by the Contractor and subcontractors, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the Federal minimum wage rate which most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) calendar days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to determine which proposal is, in its judgment, the lowest responsive bid of a responsible bidder and which proposal should be accepted in the best interests of the City.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 28 2006
File No. 2006-1197

The following person is doing business as STUDIO 66, 630 Pena Drive, Ste. 600, Davis CA 95616:

SixtySix, Inc., 630 Pena Drive, Ste. 600, Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/06.

/s/Jennie Baker, President
SixtySix, Inc.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec 28 2006
by: /s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Filed Dec 28 2006
File No. 2006-801

The following Fictitious Business Name: STUDIO 66, whose principal place of business was 825 Mesquite Drive, Davis CA 95616 in Yolo County, which was originally filed in Yolo County on 8/13/2004, is being ABANDONED by the registrant listed below: TCB Productions, Inc., 630 Pena Drive, Ste. 600, Davis CA 95616, Yolo County. Corporation name: TCB Productions, Inc.

/s/Jennie Baker
State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec 28 2006
by: /s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME PT06-2120

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Megan Elizabeth Dauer Renko filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: Megan Elizabeth Dauer Renko

Proposed name: Elisabeth Dauer Renko

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Feb. 8, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in Dept. 2, Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 725 Court St., Room 103, Woodland CA 95695.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: News-Ledger.

Date: Dec. 7, 2006
THOMAS E. WARRINER, Judge of the Superior Court
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 21 2006
File No. 2006-1177

The following person is doing business as CHENG KE TRUCKING CORPORATION, 11590 Raley Court, Suite #10, W. Sacramento CA 95691:

CHENG KE TRUCKING CORP., 1590 Raley Ct #10, W. Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

/s/Cheng Ke Wu, President
Cheng Ke Trucking Corporation

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec 218 2006
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HELEN M. JEWELL CASE NO. PB06-308

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of HELEN M. JEWELL.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by PAMELA R. JEWELL in the Superior Court of California, County of YOLO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that PAMELA R. JEWELL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 01/23/07 at 9:00AM in Dept. 2 located at 625 COURT STREET, WOODLAND, CA 95695

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner
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ROSA' LAW OFFICES, P.C.
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LODI, CA 95241-1223
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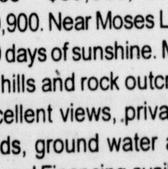

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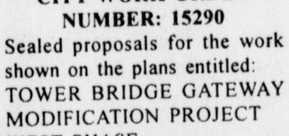

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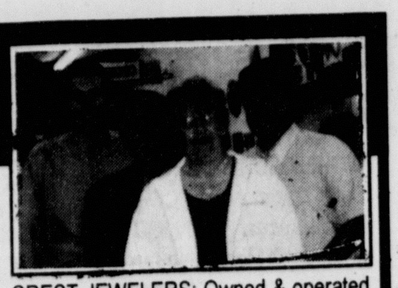

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Local Scene

Free bus ride

Yolobus will celebrate its 25th birthday by offering free bus service today only. Prizes and refreshments will handed out to the first riders using the bus on the other Wednesdays this month. There will also be a give-away of restaurant gift certificates; ask a driver for an entry form beginning Jan. 8, or call (530) 661-0816 after Jan. 8.

Cheap books!

The West Sacramento Friends of the Library plan their next book sale on Jan. 13-14, with Saturday hours from 9-4 and Sunday 10-2. The sale will be held at the library's community room, 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento. For more information, call 375-6465. Donations of clean, undamaged books are accepted year-round during business hours. Staff requests donations of no more than three bags or boxes at a time.

Essays on women

Yolo County's "Women's History Month" committee is sponsoring an essay contest on the theme, "Generations of Women Moving History Forward." Students are invited to submit an essay about a woman in American history, and how she changed America. There will be a $100 prize for a winner in the 9th and 10th grades and another $100 prize for 11th and 12th grade. Due date is February 23. Email Catherine Portman, cportman@gmail.com, or call (530) 666-0882 regarding submissions, and search for the "National Women's History Project" website for information.

Horse riders

The West Sacramento Trail Riders Association will meet at Round Table Pizza in Southport, near Nugget, on Monday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. Horse owners and other interested people are welcome.

Preschool storytime

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library in West Sacramento plans to resume its "preschool storytime" on Saturday, Jan. 6 at 11 a.m. Kids age 3-5, accompanied by an adult, are welcome for some free fun, including stories, finger plays, felt board stories, games and crafts in this 30-minute program. Every week will be a different theme. For information, call 375-6465. The library is located at 1212 Merkley Avenue, and the program is sponsored by the West Sacramento Friends of the Library.

Holiday waste

You can recycle a lot of what's leftover from the holidays: wrapping paper, cardboard boxes (flattened), greeting cards and beverage containers can all go into your curbside recycling cart. Christmas trees can be recycled by cutting them into 3-foot sections and leaving them at the curb next to your yard waste cart, or by dropping them off at Riverside Green Waste & Wood Recycling, 2903 Industrial Blvd., Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trees may also be dropped off at the county landfill: call (530) 666-8729. If you are replacing a microwave, TV, clock radio or other electrical item, you can recycle the old one FREE at the landfill or by calling 877-879-9668 for pickup.

You can also prevent waste by canceling future gift catalogs that you won't be using. Call their toll-free service numbers and ask to get off their list.

Little League

Washington Little League (serving the city's north) will hold signups each Saturday in January, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alyce Norman Elementary School cafeteria. Registration is $65 for one player or $120 for two, and is open to kids age 5-18. Sponsors ($250) are also invited; sponsorships are tax-deductible. Any child bringing a paid sponsor will have free registration. Anyone interested in being a coach or manager may call Sam Savala, 730-2349.

Chamber dinner

The West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual awards dinner and installation of new officers on Thursday, Feb. 1, beginning with 5 p.m. cocktails at the West Sacramento Civic Center Galleria. Individual tickets are $60 and table sponsorships are $750. Call the chamber at 371-7042.

Volunteers needed

River City High School needs volunteers to help at an upcoming "financial aid for college" workshop, and will provide training to prospective volunteers on Jan. 9 from 6-8 p.m. at the Department of Human Assistance, 1725 28th St., Sacramento. RSVP. Contact Assemblyman Dave Jones's office at 324-4676.

4-H

The West Sacramento 4-H Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue. All children and parents are invited to join. The program is open to kids from kindergarten to age 19, and teaches leadership, citizenship and project skills. Leaders are needed, and do not require experience. Call Bessie Orndoff, 371-6412, or Yolo County 4-H, (530) 666-8703.

Heating rebate

Participate in the PG&E "10/20 Plus Winter Gas Savings Program." Decrease your use of natural gas this January and February to below the three-year historical average for your home and business, and receive a one percent credit for each one percent in savings up to nine percent. Reduce your gas use by 10 percent or more, and receive a 20 percent credit. PG&E customers are automatically eligible and enrolled. Visit www.pge.com/winter for more information.

Speaker from WEAVE

A representative from Women Escaping Abusive Violent Environments (WEAVE) will be the guest of the West Sacramento Historical Society and the museum at 324 Third Street for a presentation from 7-8 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 17. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

RCHS boosters

The River City High School Booster Club invites you to its monthly meeting today at 6:30 p.m. at the teachers lounge of the school.

Flood insurance

The County of Yolo encourages residents, including renters who live in flood plains, to consider flood insurance. John Bencomo, director of the county's planning department, recommends that residents who live in a floodplain visit www.floodsmart.gov to find an agent. He cautions that since flood insurance policies don't take effect for 30 days, renters and homeowners should act expeditiously.

Health award

The Salud Clinic Advisory Board is asking for nominations for the 2006 John Siden Community Service Award, to be given to a person in a health-related field who serves West Sacramento or someone who has contributed significantly to the area's health and welfare. Send a letter explaining the qualifications and achievements of the nominee to the County of Yolo, Attn: Celestino Mojica, 500B Jefferson Blvd., Suite 146, West Sacramento CA 95605, or via fax to 375-6382. For information, call Celestino Mojica at 375-6340.

Neuropathy

"What is celiac sprue and what can it do to you?" is the topic to be addressed by Diane Craig at the West Sacramento Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meeting Jan. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the library community room, 1212 Merkley Avenue. Anyone interested in finding out what the inability to digest gluten – one cause of peripheral neuropathy – can do to the body is invited. For information, call 372-6093.

GED & literacy

A "General Educational Diploma (GED) and Literacy Service" program has been started at the Juvenile Detention Facility in Woodland. Beginning this fall, juveniles will be offered one-on-one tutoring sessions to focus on GED preparation and literacy skills. The program is co-sponsored by the county probation department, detention facility and Woodland Public Library Literacy Service. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the service, call (5300 661-5987 or visit www.ci.woodland.ca.us/library/literacypage.

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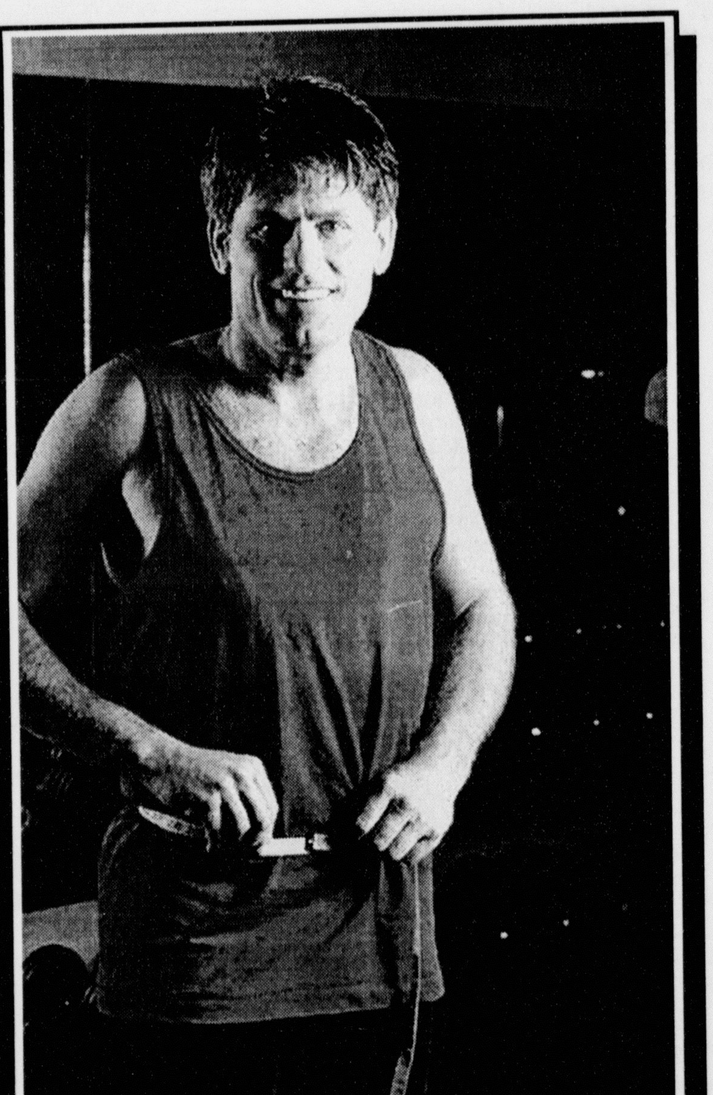

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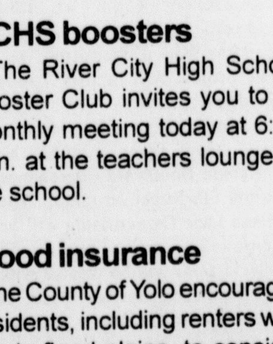

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